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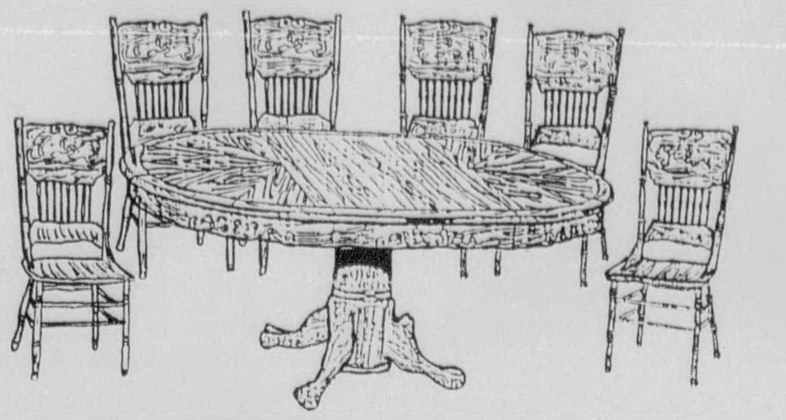

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State of Alabama
Vs
Welcome Jimmy Wise
Wise is facing the charge of assault in the second degree.

State of Alabama
Vs
Earnest Dewey Boose
He is charged with theft of property in the first degree.

State of Alabama
Vs
Adrian Artey Johnson
Johnson is facing two charges: burglary in the third degree and arson in the second degree.

State of Alabama
Vs
Eric Cade Nelson
He is charged with two counts of possession of a forged instrument in the second degree.

State of Alabama
Vs
Michael Lashawn Duncan
Duncan is charged with burglary in the third degree and arson in the second degree.

State of Alabama
Vs
Robert Michael Acreman
He is charged with receiving stolen property in the first degree.

State of Alabama
Vs
Steve Magwood
Magwood faces the charge of theft of property in the first degree.

State of Alabama
Vs
Daniel B. Perdue
He is charged with one count of burglary in the first degree.

State of Alabama
Vs
Anthony Charles Rivers
Rivers is charged with burglary in the first degree.

State of Alabama
Vs
Duval Jones
He is facing a charge of theft of property in the second degree.

State of Alabama
Vs
Willie Paul Mitchell
Mitchell is charged with one count of burglary in the second degree, five counts of burglary in the third degree, one count of theft of property in the first degree, and five counts of breaking and entering an automobile.

State of Alabama
Vs
Terry Wayne Maddox
Maddox is charged with rape in the second degree.

State of Alabama
Vs
William N. Overstreet, Jr.
He is charged with one count of escape in the second degree and one count of theft of property in the first degree.

State of Alabama
Vs
Charly Timm
Timm is charged with one count of harassing communication.

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New administration takes over in City of Elba

By Ferrin Cox, Publisher

A new city administration was sworn into office in Elba on Monday morning, October 7th, at 9:00 A. M.

Circuit Judge Tom Head administered the oath of office, first to the members of the city council and then to the newly elected mayor.

James Grimes was sworn in as mayor and serving as council members are: Winzell Gray, District 1; John W. Sharpless, District 2 (Incumbent); Harold Banning, District 3; Ben Carpenter, District 4 (Incumbent) and Ronnie Hammonds, District 5.

The officers will serve four year terms.

The only elected official making a formal statement was Mayor Grimes. His prepared statement was:

"A few short weeks ago we began the process of electing city officials to lead Elba forward and into the 21st Century. I feel humbled that the citizens of Elba have entrusted the office of mayor to me. I want my term in office to be one of progress and harmony; leadership and growth; openness and honesty; truthfulness and hard work; cooperation and trust. I believe that the citizens of Elba are ready and eager for this type of city government. I believe that today is the day for us to begin moving forward.

It is my intention to work with the city council and department heads to provide the people of Elba the very best services possible. We will evaluate the services as they are now and work toward making improvements where necessary. I am dedicated to providing only the best for all the citizens of Elba. I ask for your help and suggestions I making this possible.

As many of you know, I grew up on a farm and learned very early the importance of co-operation and hard work. In the days before tractors, we plowed with mules. Often those mules would refuse to work together and pull with all their might in opposite directions. Of course, this got us nowhere fast.

I believe that it is time for all Elbians to realize that pulling in opposite directions gets us nowhere. We must learn to bend a little, prioritize our needs, and work on first things first. By doing this, we can all pull together and work for the good of Elba. Only by pulling together can we improve our little corner of the world.

We can make Elba an even better place in which to live and work. Let's all get together and 'pull' Elba forward.

With God's help, we can."

Monday evening at 6 P. M. in a special council meeting, the council met and made routine appointments.

Council member Ronnie Hammonds was named as Mayor Pro-Tem. He will preside over council meetings in the absence of the mayor.

Named as city clerk was Donnie Morrow, who was a candidate for mayor in the recent elections. He is retired from civil service.

Ronnie Whitworth was named police chief. He is a retired state trooper.

Council members Ben Carpenter, Ronnie Hammonds and Harold Bannin were named to the Water and Electric Board. Three members of

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Pictured above: Circuit Judge Thomas E. Head (right) administers the oath-of -office to Elba Mayor James Grimes (left). Councilman Harold Bannin (center) looks on.

NEW KINSTON OFFICIALS were sworn in Monday evening by Probate Judge Bill Gammill. Council members being sworn in are from left: Bobby Anderson, Libby Kimbro, Bob Shaffer, Penny Hall and Kenneth Seay. Sworn in as mayor was Billy Mullins.

Council meetings will be held on Saturday mornings at 9:00 A.M., the first Saturday of each month.

New Brockton's town council sworn into office

by Marvin McIlwain, Editor

New Brockton's new city council was sworn in Monday evening at 6:00 p.m. and shortly afterwards held its first meeting.

First, Coffee County Probate Judge Bill Gammill administered the oath-of-office to the members of the council - Charles Cole, Rodger Harrison, Linda Gilbert, and Ron McMonagle. He then swore in Morgan Britt Lee as New Brockton's new mayor.

Pictured above: Judge Gammill (right) congratulates Mayor Lee

The only returning member of the governing body from the previous administration was Councilman Charles Cole.

After the brief ceremony, those present for the occasion enjoyed a buffet meal.

The members of the new council convened sharply at 7:00 p.m. and proceeded to move their 23-item agenda in smooth fashion.

Mayor Lee guided the council through the agenda in less than thirty minutes - twenty minutes to be exact. Most of the matters resolved or acted upon by the council were routine.

The council voted unanimously to give the mayor the authority to appoint the mayor pro tempore of his choice.

Each member of the council was presented an individually numbered New Brockton Codification book. They each agreed to pay a $50 replacement fee if the book is not returned in good condition.

They also voted to accept the New Brockton Code of Ordinances, to include all rules and regulations, as the council's governing doctrine.

The council officially declared a vacancy on the council as no one qualified to run for the District 4 seat. At their next meeting, the first Monday in November, members of the council will name an individual to fill the vacant seat.

Mayor Lee made the following committee appoints: Councilman Cole - fire, rescue, public buildings, lots and lights; Councilwoman Gilbert - parks, recreation and beautification; McMonagle - police; Council members Harrison and Gilbert - water board; and the council member filling the vacant seat will oversee the street department.

A motion was made, and passed unanimously by the council, that all persons filling full-time positions with the town be appointed by the mayor.

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Lawsuit against City of Elba dismissed by federal judge

By Ferrin Cox, Publisher

U. S. Judge Harold Albritton issued a ruling last week dismissing the discrimination lawsuit Reverend Hirron Williams filed against the members of the Elba City Council because they failed to honor his request to sell his church a portion of the old Elba High School. Former Mayor Ricky Haywood was not made a party of the suit because he recommended the City sell the facility to the church.

Williams' church is presently renting the old high school auditorium on a five year lease patterned after several others leases entered into by the city fathers. Lease payments started out at $1.00 and moved up to $5.00 after a couple of years. There was at least one more rent increase during the five year period. Lessors had to do their own clean-up and repairs of any flood damage in the facilities.

After expending a considerable sum of money and labor preparing the building for church services, Reverend Williams requested the council sell his church the part of the building they were leasing, just as they had done to English Diversified. (The old gym was sold under the Wallace-Cater Act for industrial growth.)

A Motion for Summary Judgment was filed on July 29th, and plaintiffs (Williams) had until August 21st to respond. Albritton wrote that plaintiffs did not respond by the deadline. The judge noted, "The evidence submitted by the Defendants in support of the Motion for Summary Judgment is unchallenged and shows that the Plaintiffs's claims are barred by the statute of limitations."

In his ruling, Judge Albritton wrote "...the adverse party's response ... must set forth specific facts showing that there is a genuine issue for trial. If the adverse party does not so respond, summary judgment, if appropriate, shall be entered against the adverse party.

Judge Albritton assessed all court cost against the plaintiffs, who had filed the lawsuit.

Absentee ballots available

Coffee County Absentee Election Manager, Evelyn Hocutt, announced Tuesday that all absentee ballots for the General Election to be held November 5, have arrived.

The ballots can be obtained in Mrs. Hocutt's office located above the Probate Judge's office in the Elba Courthouse.

Applications are available in the Probate Office and the Circuit Clerk's office in Enterprise and also in the Election Manager's office in Elba.

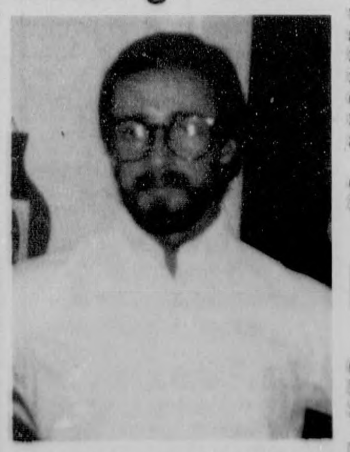
Voters applying for absentee ballots must either hand deliver the written request to the election manager personally or send the request through the U. S. Mail.

Mrs. Hocutt stated that according to the law, none but the applicants themselves can pick up a ballot. An application nor a ballot is accepted from anyone except the voter.

Because requests for ballots must be in writing, election officials urge voters not to wait until the last minute to apply.

The deadline to apply for the absentee ballots for the upcoming General Election is 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 25, 1996.

Missing Person



A missing person's report has been filed with the Elba Police Department on Waterson-Douglas (Doug) White Dove Wambles, age 41, of 206 North Reed Street, Enterprise (formerly of Elba).

Wambles was last seen in Elba on Wednesday, October 2, 1996, at 4:00 p.m. when he left his place of employment.

He was reported missing by a family member on Thursday, October 3.

Wambles is 5 feet 6 inches tall, weighs approximately 160 pounds, has a light beard with a mustache. His eyes and hair are dark brown.

He was last seen wearing khaki pants and a burnt orange shirt with a colorful tie.

The missing individual drives a 1992 Chevrolet black Cavalier, bearing a Montgomery County (AL) tag - 3AFJ521.

Anyone having any information concerning Wambles' where-abouts should contact the Elba Police Department at 897-2555 or call the nearest law enforcement agency.

* * HAPPENINGS * *

IT'S FRIDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL. Elba Tigers are at home against Geneva; Kinston plays Straughn in Kinston; New Brockton is at home against Goshen; Brantley plays host to Frisco City and Zion Chapel has an open date. Kick-off time for all games is 7:30 p.m.

LINE DANCING & EXERCISE There will be line dancing and exercise at the Elba Senior Citizen's Center each Thursday night from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. The fee for the teacher is $3. Everyone is invited to come join in the fun.

DIABETES CLINIC Elba General Hospital & Nursing Home will be offering educational classes on managing diabetes on the third Monday of each month at 5:00 p.m. Classes will be held in the hospital cafeteria. For more information contact Cindy Murphy, CMD at 897-2257 ext. 250.

PTO SPONSORING The Elba PTO is sponsoring the Fall Festival at the Elba Elementary School on Thursday, October 10, from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. The Black & Gold Show starts at 8:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Admission will be $3.00.

COMMISSION MEETING The Coffee County Commission will hold its bi-monthly meeting on Monday, October 14, at 9:00 a.m. in the Community Room located in the County Complex in New Brockton, AL.

FESTIVAL The New Brockton Elementary School PTO will sponsor a Fall Festival on Thursday, October 17, 1996, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Farm Center in New Brockton. The concession stand will feature brunswick stew along with the traditional hotdogs and cheese nachos. Local merchants have donated many items for the auction, which starts at 6:30 p.m. There will be plenty of games and prizes for all.

Former Elbian manages respite home

Kelly S. Dickerson of Blackshear, Georgia (formerly of Elba, Alabama) has been hired as Director of Satilla Respite Home in Blackshear.

Mrs. Dickerson is the daughter of Reda and Jerry Sheffield. She is married to William E. Dickerson of Waycross, Ga.

The facility that Mrs. Dickerson will serve as manager/director in, is the first of its kind in South Georgia area. It is located in Pierce County and will serve eight counties in southern Georgia.

Kelly is very familiar with the "special need" of children and adults who will be served in this facility. She previously worked for the Ware County Board of Education as a Special Education teacher for three years.

The center will provide services to persons who are mentally retarded, ages six years and up. These individuals may stay in the home for a two week period each year. This will allow respite to the caregivers and assist in emergency situations.

As part of the Satilla Community Service Board network, the center's program is part of the Satilla Mental Health and Mental Retardation - Substance Abuse provision.

The center is located at 311 Grady Street in Blackshear. It is equipped with three full bedrooms, two full bathrooms, a spacious activity/family room, formal living room, formal dining room, and summer kitchen. This will actually serve as a home away from home for the clients.

Mrs. Dickerson is responsible for a staff of five fulltime and five part-time house parents. The home will be operated for a 24 hour period daily. She will be responsible for all operations and decisions concerning the home.

Along with the director's position, Kelly has been appointed to serve on the Crisis Network Management Team. There she will also serve an eight county area, along with case managers, in crisis situations.

Pictured above is Mrs. Kelly S. Dickerson

BRAINSTORMS
With Ferrin Cox

New faces are visible in city halls across Alabama. Anticipations run from excitement to disappointments, based on just who is doing the thinking. In Elba Monday there was hopes for kinder, gentler times as a new mayor and three new council members took the oath of office. We share those emotions and wish the new administration good luck.

We must pause for a moment and express our concern for the father of former mayor Ricky Haywood. Ricky had planned to be on hand to wish the new administration well, but a call Friday morning that his father was very sick, sent him to North Alabama. His dad is apparently some better, because Ricky called city hall Monday morning to apologize for not being here and to give his blessing long distance … that shows class and we salute it. Take time to include his father in your prayers. Also read the *Letter to the Editor* from former City Clerk Henry Clark on page 3.

The Elba, swearing in ceremonies were opened and closed with prayer. Reverend Tony Dye opened and Reverend W. L. Peterson closed. We were especially struck by part of Dye's prayer. It is from the first chapter of James (we asked). The line is good for public officials and the rest of us, including students. It is, *"If any man lack wisdom, let him ask of God."* A whole lot of us would make a better mark on this world by following that simple bit of advice.

Monday night new mayor James Grimes stopped the official proceedings of getting on with the business of running the city long enough to extend a special thanks to Elba policeman John Nelson. Officer Nelson had the untenable job of being in charge of the police department for the past several months (he had the responsibility but not the title). Now to be fair, we admit John has been a personal friend for years, but quickly agree with Grimes that the man did a good job in impossible circumstances. It was refreshing to hear the new mayor announce that Lt. John Nelson will be named to a soon-to-be-created position of Assistant Chief.

Those who were not at the swearing in ceremonies need to be reminded that Aunt B gave the welcome and put in a plug for Community Spirit Day, this Saturday. Come out, roll up your sleeves and help … Barbara and the Chamber of Commerce said so!

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ELBA POLICE REPORT
OCTOBER 1 Thru OCTOBER 7, 1996

The Elba Police Department, beginning Tuesday, October 1, 1996, investigated the following incidents: one death (natural causes) investigation, one theft of property, one missing person, one criminal mischief, one contributing to the delinquency of a minor, one assault, one menacing, one reckless endangerment, one theft of services, and one vandalism.

The following arrest was made during the week: three for contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

One traffic citation for speeding was issued during the week.

Daily activity highlights were as follows:

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1 - Rescue run to Mullins Apts. (2;46 a.m.); River stage - 5.93 feet (6:45 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence on AL 203 (8:41 a.m.); Wreck reported at the intersection of AL Hwy. 87 and AL 203 (10:38 a.m.); Wreck reported on U. S. Hwy. 84W (5:14 p.m.); Rescue unit dispatched to wreck on U. S. Hwy. 84W (5:17 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2 - River stage - 4.71 feet (6:55 a.m.); Wreck reported at Mr. Henry's (6:44 p.m.); Alarm at Runt's Auto Sav (9:11 p.m.).

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3 - River stage - 5.20 feet (7:27 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Jones St. (10:01 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Farris St. (12:36 p.m.).

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4 - River stage - 4.71 feet (6:33 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Edgewood (2:36 p.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Newton St. (8:20 p.m.).

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5 - Rescue run to a residence in the Pin Level Community (1:39 a.m.); River stage - 4.44 feet (6:44 a.m.); Alarm at Elba High School (7:41 a.m.); Disturbance reported at Mullins Apts. (11:22 p.m.).

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6 - River stage - 4.11 feet (7:10 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Newton St. (7:54 a.m.); Fight reported at the Little Beaver Trailer Court (11:48 a.m.); Vehicle fire reported on Cedar Lane Dr. (12:39 p.m.); Reports of gunfire near Rayfield Reynold's Cabinet Shop (6:54 p.m.).

MONDAY, OCTOBER 7 - River stage - 3.55 feet (6:25 a.m.); Wreck reported on U. S. Hwy. 84W (7:55 a.m.); Wreck reported on the Old Samson Road (3:58 p.m.); Alarm at Whitman's Drug (6:07 p.m.); Rescue run to a residence on AL Hwy. 87N (7:33 p.m.).

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ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following persons admitted during the time period of October 1 through October 7, 1996.

They were: Lincoln Bedgood, James A. Simmons, Betty Driggers, Marty Baxley, Minnie Matthews, Britten Stokes, Twyler Ellis, Sara Gibbs, Christina Bradley, Trudie Jackson, Helen Forrister, and Aireal Calloway.

Patients discharged during the same period of time were: Dustin Rhoades, Nonie Marx, Krystal Edwards, Walter Moore, Marty Baxley, Annice Emory, Aliene English, Betty Driggers, W. B. Baldwin, Elizabeth Bass, Twyler Ellis, James Simmons, Minnie Matthews, Helen Forrister, Christine Bradley, Britten Stokes, Sara Gibbs, Trudie Jackson, and Aireal Calloway.

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Challenges for the future

As America heads into the next millennium, it is crucial that we take time for a serious reevaluation of our role in the world. This role will be dictated largely, at least for the foreseeable future, by the fact that our nation is the sole remaining superpower. While this gives us added responsibilities, there are some restraining factors that must be part of the equation.

The lessons of Vietnam, Korea and Beirut, as they relate to public support, cannot be dismissed. We must consider the attitudes of the population in this country if we are to pursue action in places like Bosnia. We must consider possible human casualties as well as public support the mission. Public attitudes can't be dismissed.

Scarce and limited resources on the part of our national government will also be a major determinant of our foreign policy. We are living in a world of shrinking government action. Both major political parties acknowledge this reality. It is a reality based upon budgetary constraints and a desire for less government, and dictated to some degree by the competition between domestic and foreign policy needs.

We have already seen over the last few years a tendency on the part of our allies to look to us to "put out fires." Our leadership of the NATO operations in Bosnia is a stark example. In this war-torn region, we have seen not only armed battles, but rape, torture, murder and genocide. As a society which stands against such evils, we were called upon to intervene in this instance and will no doubt be called upon for similar action in the future.

Another key part of this is the reevaluation of our role in world disarmament as well as an arms merchant. As we rightfully pursue disarmament and restraints on the sale of arms, we must strive to retain a sensible balance. A "root cause" analysis will serve us well; it is obvious that not much serious fighting takes place between two parties if there are no arms. Our own security, in the light of more ambiguous threats and potential terrorism, will continue to be paramount.

We must not only look at our role in securing human rights around the world, but also to the commercial and business opportunities in Asia, Africa and Latin American, as well as in the former Warsaw Pact nations. Our international trade policies are important components of such development.

As far as our trade policy and how it affects Americans, we must evaluate our trade deficits and how they affect America's jobs. There should be little doubt that many of our traditional jobs are going overseas or across borders. While new service jobs are being created, there is the increasing danger of a growing gap between the rich and poor, with a distinct narrowing of the middle class.

We know the future will continue to yield technological advances that we have not even thought of today. This is true both in terms of domestic and international policy. A renewed commitment to research and development will be crucial in keeping pace with the rest of the world. Think about the Internet and how it has already changed the ways in which we receive, transmit and exchange news and information. This will only increase in the next century.

Our space program has yielded some of the greatest benefits our nation has ever realized. Its bi-products have helped lead to advances in health care techniques. We must commit ourselves anew to NASA and its mission, focusing on the direct links between advanced science and research and its relevance to daily life.

Our great country has been the world's leader for years now. I believe that this role will continue as we address these questions in the 21st century.

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OBITUARIES

DOUGLAS AMMON GIBBS

Douglas Ammon Gibbs, age 77 of Elba, Alabama, died Tuesday, October 1, 1996 at his home.

Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m., Friday, October 4, 1996 from the Whitewater Baptist Church with Rev. Danny Maddox officiating.

Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery of Elba, AL with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include two daughters, Mary Shirey of Duluth, Georgia and Sharon Gilbert of Smiths, AL; one son, Billy Gibbs of Elba, AL; four sisters, Jean Petty of Lutz, Tennessee, Betty Mason and Gladys Preston, both of Gordonsville, TN, Margaret Davis of Nashville, TN; three brothers, Frank Gibbs of Creve Coeur, Illinois, Ernest Gibbs of Ocala, Florida, and Herbert Gibbs of Nashville, TN; 7 grandchildren; 7 great grandchildren.

BEATRICE HOLLEY WRIGHT

Beatrice Holley Wright, age 97 of Elba, Alabama, died Thursday, October 3, 1996 at her home.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, October 5, 1996 from the Whitewater Baptist Church with Rev. Danny Maddox, Rev. Donnie Holley, and Rev. Travis Johnson officiating.

Burial followed in the Friendship Baptist Church Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include one daughter, Merle Wise of Elba, AL; a daughter-in-law, Annie Laurie Wright of Elba, AL; one sister, Ila Mae Lee of Columbus, Georgia; two sisters-in-law, Bertha Kelsoe of Brantley, AL and Robbie Holley of Elba, AL; three grandchildren; 9 great grandchildren.

Mrs. Wright was preceded in death by her husband, Willie Lee Wright; two sons, Aubrey Lee Wright and Chester B. Wright; a grandson, Chris Wise; and a son-in-law, Paul Wise.

ALBERT DAVID WOOD, SR.

Albert David Wood, Sr., age 86 of Jack, Alabama, died Saturday, October 5, 1996 at his home.

Graveside services were held at 3:00 p.m., Monday, October 7, 1996 from the Jack Assembly of God with Rev. Raymond Miller and Rev. Walter Faulk officiating. Jackson-Bryan Funeral Home directed the service.

Survivors include his wife, Pauline Wood of Jack, AL; 9 children, Johnnie R. Hall of Jack, AL, Albert Wood, Jr. of New York, Lorraine Wood of Providence, Rhode Island, John Wood of Franklin, North Carolina, Betty Wood of Bellwricker, Massachusetts, Joan Johnson of Lemenster, MA, Robert Wood of New Bedford, Pennsylvania, Timmie Wood of Fall River, PA, and Jimmie Wood of Andover, MA; 30 grandchildren; 25 great grandchildren; three great great grandchildren.

NELDA LENA COLEMAN

Nelda Lena Coleman, age 54 of Elba, Alabama, died Monday, October 7, 1996 in a Birmingham, AL hospital.

Graveside services were held at 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, October 9, 1996 from the Whitewater Baptist Church Cemetery with Dr. Robert Paul, Rev. Danny Maddox, and Rev. Mart Gray officiating. Hayes Funeral Home directed the service.

Survivors include two sons, Lee Hunter Coleman of Oxford, Ohio and Grant Gordon Coleman of Tuscaloosa, AL; her mother, Myra Grimes Smith of Elba, AL; her sister, Myrna Cotton of Elba, AL; two brothers, Murray Johns of Orlando, Florida and Norman Johns of Enterprise, AL.

GEORGE ELLIS HOCUTT

George Ellis Hocutt, age 69 of Elba, Alabama, died Friday, October 4, 1996 at his home.

Memorial services were held at 3:30 p.m., Saturday, October 5, 1996 from the First Baptist Church of Elba, AL with Rev. Joel Jackson, Dr. Robert Paul, and Rev. Mart Gray officiating. Hayes Funeral Home directed the service.

Survivors include his wife, Evelyn Whitman Hocutt of Elba, AL; two daughters, LaWanna Flowers of Crawfordville, Florida and Deborah Stabler of Auburn, AL; one son, Marion Keith Hocutt of Elba, AL; three sisters, Marie Ryan of Tampa, FL, Ruby Hinton of Eufaula, AL, and Polly Gideons of Nobleton, FL; three brothers, Joe M. Hocutt of Zephyrhills, FL, A.M. Hocutt, Jr. of Talladega, AL, and Ealon S. Hocutt of Wichita, Kansas; 5 grandchildren.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letter to the Editor:

As of 9-25-96, I was informed I would not be employed with the City of Elba, by the newly elected mayor, James Grimes. This was not my decision. I have been pleased and honored to serve the city and I was hoping to continue under Mayor Grimes.

My four years with the city have been full of many challenges: employee lawsuits, March of 1992 snowstorm, July of 1994 flood, and 1995 Hurricane Opal, but through it all, I have renewed old friendships and made many new ones.

I would like to thank all the citizens of Elba for the cooperation shown me during the past four years. It has been my privilege and pleasure to serve you as: City Operations Officer, Recreation Director for the summer of 1994, Assistant Superintendent to the Light and Water Board, and City Clerk.

Elba and Coffee County have been my home for the past fifty-five years and I would like to see it grow and prosper. I also would like to assure the Citizens of Elba that I do not wish to see our city's name drug through the mud.

I would like to wish the mayor and city council the best. To the citizens of our city, if I can assist you in any way, now or in the future, please contact me.

Sincerely,
Henry Clark

Dear Editor,

This letter is for all to see in direct response to a mailing I received from Senator Richard Shelby. It had what looked like his official seal on the envelope so I opened it.

I financially supported Senator Shelby's campaign and voted for him in his last election when he was a Democrat. After the 1994 election he promptly switched parties. This bothered me somewhat, but only as it related to the timing of the switch. I felt that he would be the same person he had always been regardless of the party.

I am now extremely distressed about what Senator Shelby has done. He took my money and my vote. Now he has given my name and address to the Republican senatorial candidate Jeff Sessions for his mailing. Two letters have come to me signed by Senator Shelby and on his letterhead. In small print was "paid for by Jeff Sessions Campaign". This letter was full of lies and typical partisan hatred about the Democratic Candidate Roger Bedford. I was very offended by it, because I personally like Senator Bedford and plan to vote for him. I feel this kind of mailing is highly improper.

Senator Shelby, you have taken advantage of the voters who put you in office, and have fallen into the worst kind of partisan politics.

Mr. Sessions, if this is an example of your judgement this state is in trouble. Your letter is confirmation that I have made the right decision to vote for Roger Bedford.

Sincerely,
Amy A. Methvin
1248 Primrose Lane
Montgomery, AL 36111

Dear Editor,

On behalf of the Board of Directors for the Coffee County Junior Miss Program, I would like to express our sincere appreciation to the citizens and businesses of Coffee County for supporting the Coffee County Junior Miss Program this year. We would also like to thank you, *The Elba Clipper*, for publicizing all of the articles to help make the Coffee County Junior Miss Program a big success.

Lesli T. Pittman
Board of Directors

Jessica Burleson

Jessica Burleson is Star Student

Jessica Burleson, a second grader in Kathy William's class, was the Straughn Elementary Star Student for the week of September 16-20, 1996. She is the foster daughter of Henry and Martha Kelley. She is the granddaughter of Bobby and Dottie Burleson of Elba. "Jessica is always eager to learn and please her teachers. She strives to do her best in all situations," Williams said. "She's a great kid."

Miss Alabama to speak at Elba United Methodist Church on October 27th

Alison McCreary-Miss Alabama

Miss Alabama Alison McCreary is scheduled to be at Elba United Methodist Church on Sunday, October 27, 1996. She will speak and visit with children in grades kindergarten through 6th at 4:30 in the fellowship hall and at 6:00 will present her testimony through word and song for the evening service. At 6:45 she will meet with Jr. and Sr. high students in the fellowship hall.

Miss McCreary competed in the talent competition of the Miss Alabama and Miss America pageant by singing a song that is dear to her heart, "How Great Thou Art". She readily shares her faith in God and the important role that He has in her life on a daily basis. She enjoys meeting people all over the state in her travels as Miss Alabama. She averages three to four appearances each week in addition to speaking about her Christian faith in churches.

Miss McCreary is a 22 year old senior at Samford University and is majoring in Human Development/Family Studies and hopes to pursue her master's degree and become a counselor.

As Miss Alabama, her platform seeks to inform the public of the benefits of Hospice Care, with emphasis on grief support among youthful survivors. Her charity is Camp Newsong, which is designed for children who have lost a loved one to a terminal illness.

Miss McCreary, who has been a volunteer for Brookwood Hospice while attending Samford, had first-hand experience with Hospice Care during the illness and passing of her great aunt and uncle. As a volunteer, she worked directly with a child who had lost his mother to breast cancer, and consequently was inspired to create a program for children that would address grief from their perspective.

With the help of experts in bereavment and counseling inspired by her vision, Miss McCreary's dream was realized in October 1995 as the first Camp Newsong was conducted with 34 children. This year, Camp Newsong will be conducted in three locations around the state in September, October, and November.

Miss McCreary agrees with the philosophy of her Miss Alabama predecessor and former Miss America Heather Whitestone, "Anything's possible."

We invite everyone to attend. Please bring your children to the fellowship hall at 4:30 to visit and listen to her and we encourage everyone to attend the 6:00 p.m. service. All area youth are invited to visit with her at 6:45 in the fellowship hall.

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Social Notes

Belcher–Manning wedding planned for Saturday, November 2nd

Mr. Manning & Miss Belcher

Desiring God's will for their lives and believing that it includes each other, Evelyn Yvonne Belcher and Michael Matthew Manning, together with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Grover Belcher, Sr. and Mr. and Mrs. Johnny E. Manning Jr. invite you to share in their joy as they are to be united in holy matrimony on Saturday, November 2, 1996 at 11:00 a.m. The ceremony will be held at the Rocky Head Missionary Baptist Church, Hwy. 125, Elba, AL. A reception will follow immediately in the church fellowship hall. Friends and family are invited to attend.

Miss Virginia Sawyer

Miss Sawyer to wed Mr. Kennett November 2

Mr. and Mrs. William Edwin Sawyer of Enterprise, announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Virginia Lee, to Mr. Charles Shawn Kennett, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Travis Sellers, Jr. of Enterprise and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Richard Kennett, Jr. of Macon, Georgia.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mrs. James F. Martin and the late Mr. Martin of Enterprise and Mrs. Adolph Sawyer and the late Mr. Sawyer of Enterprise.

She is a 1989 graduate of Enterprise High School. Ms. Sawyer graduated from Auburn University where she was a member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority and Sigma Tau Delta, English honorary. She earned her M.A. degree in literature from Boston University.

The future groom is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Roy McDowell of Elba and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Richard Kennett of Elba.

He is a 1989 graduate of Enterprise High School. Mr. Kennett attended Troy State University where he was a member of Pi Kappa Phi fraternity.

The wedding is planned for November 2 at six o'clock in the evening at the First United Methodist Church of Enterprise.

Class of 1976 to have reunion

The Class of 1976 is planning a class reunion Homecoming weekend November 1-2, 1996. For more information about the planned activities call Jana Kelley 897-2580 or Debbie Rhoades 565-3554.

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Katie Moody

Birthday Girl

Katie Moody, the daughter of John and Jan Moody of Hoover, AL will celebrate her fifth birthday on Saturday, October 12. Katie will spend her birthday with her grandmother, Sara Moody, and great grandfather, J.W. Moody in Elba. Her other grandparents are Jane and Walter Autrey of Greenville, and Mr. and Mrs. E. Autrey.

PTO to sponsor Fall Festival October 10th

The Elba PTO will sponsor The Fall Festival, that will be held at The Elba Elementary School, on Thursday, October 10, from 5:00 - 7:30 p.m. A Black & Gold Show will follow at The Elba High School Auditorium at 8:00. More details to follow.

Wise–Kelley wedding united in holy matrimony, September 14th

On Saturday, September 14, 1996, at 5:00 p.m., Miss Mona Kelley and Mr. Gappa Wise were united in marriage at Westside Baptist Church.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Kelley of Elba. The groom is the son of Mrs. Shirley Morgan and the late James J. Wise, Jr. of Elba.

The stately doors of the church were adorned with white wedding bells and flowing white ribbon.

Upon entering the church the guests registered in the bride's book which was attended by Miss Casey Corley, friend of the bride. The table held an arrangement of fresh flowers on a mirrored column.

Mrs. Marissa Warren of Elba provided a variety of musical selections on the piano as guests entered the beautifully decorated sanctuary.

The choir loft was aglow with a large candle tree in the center and four nine-branch candle trees filled with greenery and beautiful fresh flowers. On each side of the sanctuary was a spiral candelabra with flowing greenery. Soft greenery outlined the railing of the choir loft. In the center of each window was mixed greenery. An arrangement of fresh flowers marked the mother's pew and every other pew with greenery and white ribbon.

The candles were lit by Mr. Collins Wise and Mr. James Wise, cousins of the groom. Mrs. Mary Nolin, grandmother of the groom, was escorted by Mr. James Wise and Mrs. Mary Alice Wise, grandmother of the groom, was escorted by Mr. Collins Wise. After seating of the grandmothers, Miss Amelia Bedsole sang "Grow Old Along With Me". Mrs. Shirley Morgan was escorted by her son, Mr. Jetey Wise. For this occasion, she chose a lovely two piece gray silk suit. Mrs. Kelley was escorted by her husband, Mr. Dwight Kelley. For her daughter's wedding, she chose a two piece mauve suit.

The wedding party entered the sanctuary as the pianist played and sang, "I Will Be Here". Mr. Jetey Wise, brother of the groom, served as best man. Groomsmen were Mr. Wynn Grimes, Mr. Jason Moore, Mr. Troy Kelley, Mr. Chris Thomas, and Mr. Stan Sauls, all of Elba.

Mrs. Kim Lowery, sister of the bride, served as matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Miss Karen Ellis, Miss Kristi Owens, Mrs. Mandy Jefcoat, Miss Amy Osborn, all of Elba, and Miss Whitley Wise of St. Simons, GA. They wore floor length dresses of deep plum. Each attendant wore pearl and plum drop earrings given by the bride. They carried a hand-held bouquet of fresh flowers.

The bride was escorted to the altar by her father as the pianist played the traditional "Wedding March". The formal gown was of white bridal raw silk. The empire waist was heavy lace with scattered pearls. The train attached to the back with three rosebuds and flowing ribbon. She chose a two tier finger-tip veil gathered to a coronet of rosebuds and pearls. She carried a stemmed bouquet of white roses, freesia, and larkspur. The double ring ceremony was officiated by Dr. Tony Dye, pastor of Westside Baptist Church. Before the couple was pronounced husband and wife, Marissa Warren sang "The Lord's Prayer". At the conclusion of the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Rob Hudson, cousins of the bride, sang "To Me". The pastor then invited everyone to the reception hosted by the bride's parents, family and friends.

The reception was held in the church activities building. The double doors held heart wreaths with bells and flowing ribbon. As the guests entered, they enjoyed a collage of pictures of Gappa and Mona at various stages of their lives. The bride's table was covered with a battenburg cloth and held a five tiered cake with fresh flowers between each tier. Serving the bride's cake were Mrs. Sabrina Kelley and Mrs. Denise Sauls. The groom's table was covered with an off-white battenburg cloth. The cake was a two layered chocolate cake. Serving the groom's cake were Mrs. Ashley Wise and Miss Lisa Grimes.

The punch table was covered with a white battenburg cloth. A large silver punch bowl nestled in greenery held the punch. Silver candlesticks, given to the bride's parents on their 25th wedding anniversary, were used on the other end. Serving the punch were Miss Misty Kelley and Miss Cammie Kelley.

The reception area held long tables in a cross pattern centered by a floral arrangement of fresh flowers. The tables were covered with white battenburg cloths and contained a variety of delicious foods prepared by family and friends. Tables covered in white cloths centered with stick people and greenery were arranged for the guests to sit and enjoy the festive reception. Miss Kayla Kelley handed out birdseed bags during the reception.

Following the reception, Mona and Gappa changed into their going away outfits and left the church as friends and family threw birdseed and wished them well. After a three day cruise to the Bahama's, the couple is residing in Elba.

Directors of the wedding and reception were Mrs. Barbara Hudson and Mrs. Henrietta Grimes.

Mrs. Gappa Wise

Mrs. Paula Cobb speaks to AARP

Mrs. Pauline Cobb, District Coordinator of AARP lead a very informative discussion on ways membership renewals could be increased in everyone's AARP Chapter. Mr. Jim Williams gave the invocation. Mrs. Olive Martin presided during the business meeting. Ms. Lillian Taylor, Mrs. Elaine Thompson, and Mrs. Quinnie Whitman were hostesses for the meeting. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Newman and Mrs. Addie Belle Martin will serve as host and hostesses for the October 15 meeting. Welcome to all new members.

Coffee County Retired Teachers and Support Personnel to meet

Coffee County Retired Teachers and Support Personnel will meet Tuesday, October 15, 1996 at El Palacio's Restaurant in Enterprise, AL at 11:00 a.m. The speaker will be Dr. Rick McBride, Executive Secretary, Alabama Retired Teachers' Association. All members are urged to attend. Support your organization and get 1996-97 local and state dues up to date.

Poem published by Shari Stewart

Shari Stewart

Shari Stewart of Elba, AL has just had original poetry published in Through The Hourglass, a treasury of today's poetry compiled by the National Library of Poetry. The poem is entitled "Mom and Dad", and the main subject is memories of her parents.

The National Library of Poetry seeks to discover and encourage poets like Shari Stewart by sponsoring contests that are open to the public and by publishing poems in widely distributed hardback volumes.

Shari has been writing for approximately 18 years and her favorite subjects and ideas are family and friends.

New Brockton PTO to hold Open House

The New Brockton PTO will meet and have Open House, Thursday, October 10th, from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m., in the school auditorium.

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Church News

PASTOR'S CORNER

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Ever feel like you've gotten down to the dregs of your energy and emotion? I must confess that's where I'm writing from this week. This is my fourth start on this writing project and I'm still quite unsure of what it is I want to say or how I wish to say it. Two deaths within our church family, another who is, at the time of this writing, most critically ill, and many in our community who are facing serious health problems have taken their toll on my spirits and, I'm sure, many others throughout our community. If it really does come in waves, we're due flat seas real soon as I see it.

Sunday was a special day in our church. We begin our new church year on the first Sunday in October. So the building was abuzz with new teachers scampering to their classes, children finding their way to new rooms, different faces in leadership positions, and to top it all off it was a wonderfully crisp Fall morning which seems to put a little extra bounce in everyone's step. Our worship service was out of the ordinary, as well. To signal the beginning of the new year, we had planned to celebrate the Lord's Supper and have a service of dedication for our deacon body. All in all, it had the trappings of a grand day.

Yet I didn't feel so grand. The prospects of leading our people through a worship experience gave me no spiritual jump-start, no special dispensation of ecclesiastical energy. I found myself having to be honest with God about my feelings and not at all out of any noble sense of integrity. I simply didn't have the energy or creativity to lie! No facade, no Sunday-morning "everything's O.K. smile", just spent emotions and a deep desire to throw in the towel. It was with this emotional milieu I faced the table of our Lord, which is to me the most powerful symbol of all that it means to be called a child of God.

The elements were passed...the bread...the body broken...and the cup...the blood shed. And as I shared in the consumption of God's grace I was reminded of the overwhelming irony of Communion. We celebrate the hope of grace and at the same time remember the suffering of our Lord. That bittersweet dichotomy brought over my whole being a great sense of comfort. The Balm of Gilead soothed as nothing else could have done. It is in the darkness of honest broken-ness that we can see most clearly the light of hope that Christ offers to those who share in His grace.

For those few moments around the Lord's table, I knew that there was life and light and hope. And, though my spirit still sags, I am reminded again that the Christian life is not a life senza suffering, but rather it is a life that calls us to suffer with Christ and with our fellow man, knowing that He will give us strength for the day and hope for tomorrow. Hope in suffering is not a new concept to God; it is embodied in the elements of the Eucharist. He hears, He shares, He knows. In the words of a contemporary author, "Come take the bread; come drink the wine; come share the Lord!"

Curtis School Reunion planned for Oct. 12th

The eleventh annual Curtis School Reunion will be held Saturday, October 12, 1996. The Curtis School site is no longer available for the reunion, so it will be held at the Heart of Dixie Music Park. The music park is located one mile east of Danley's Cross Roads on Hwy. 84 near Elba. Bring food, drinks, and a lawn chair. All paper products and ice will be furnished. Linda Cannon Westbrook will be honored as the Outstanding Alumnae. She and her siblings will be the family recognized to share memories. George Parker and siblings will also share memories. Registration will begin at 11:00 and lunch will be served at noon.

Five Star VFD sponsoring Barbecue October 12th

The Five Star VFD is sponsoring a National Fire Prevention Week Pork Bar-B-Que on Saturday, October 12, 1996, from 10:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Plates will be sold at the Five Star Fire Department for $4.50 per plate. Plates include BBQ, rice, slaw, bread, and cake. Donations will be accepted.

Note Of Thanks

To all who helped in our time of need:

We would like to say thank you and express our deepest appreciation for all of the kindness shown to our family in our time of need. There are no words that can truly express our appreciation to you for all of the items, money, and anything else you might have done. When everything is lost in a house fire, there is such devastation, you think you'll never put it back together, but thanks to people like you, things are coming together. The dark end of the tunnel is now becoming light again. We are trying to put our lives back together as best we can, and people like you make it easier.

May God bless each and every-one of you.

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Selected scripture: Romans 16:1-27.

Thinking of you, praying for you. Monroe Richardson, Adell Anderson, Charles Hightower, Ida Phillips, Johnnie Daniels, Edd E. Marshall, Annie L. Coleman, Robert Coleman, Eva Rayborn, Dora Belcher, John E. Folmar, Curlie D. Thomas, Mary B. Belcher.

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America's Black Heritage Calendar

Annual Choir Day

Annual Choir Day of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church of Brantley, AL will be held Saturday, October 19, 1996 at 6:00 p.m. Rev. Cortez Hall is pastor.

The mistress of order will be Sis. Priscilla Luckerson.

Each choir is asked to render an A and B selection.

Song service: First Unity Baptist Church, Gospel Harmonettes, Mt. Moriah Baptist Church, Holy Tabernacle, Pine Grove Baptist Church, Reflections of Life, St. Matthew AME Church, Brantley COGIC, Mulberry Baptist Church, New Jerusalem, Spring Hill Baptist Church, Bro. Robert Daniels, Oak Grove Baptist Church, Rocky Head MB Church, C.W.F.F. Church of the Living God, Spiritual Harmonettes, Harris Temple COGIC, St. Mark Baptist Church, Mt. Moriah Baptist (Greenville), St. Luke AME, Antioch Baptist Church, Three Generations, St. Peter Baptist Church, Humble Servants.

If your name does not appear on the program, you are still welcome to come. Refreshments will be served.

Educational Institute & Seminar

The Mulberry Baptist District Association presents the 1996 Educational Institute and Seminar to be held with the following churches: Mt. Calvary, Elba Zion, Bethlehem, New Mt. Pleasant, and Pleasant Valley. It will be held October 28-November 1, 1996.

Rev. L. Tyson, Director of Christian Education and Rev. A.C. Darby, Sr., Chairman of Evangelistic Board. Rev. J. G. Chatmon is moderator.

Lectures will be by Rev. A.C. Darby and Rev. L. Tyson.

Agenda:

Monday, October 28, 1996, 7:00 p.m.: Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, Elba, AL, Rev. J. R. Parks, pastor, Rev. J. Lawrence, preacher. "The Doctrine of Salvation."

Tuesday, October 29, 1996, 7:00 p.m., Elba Zion Baptist Church, Elba, AL, Rev. J.L. Grayer, pastor, Rev. J.R. Parks, preacher. "The Doctrine of the Holy Spirit."

Wednesday, October 30, 1996, 7:00 p.m.: Bethlehem Baptist Church, Elba, AL, Rev. E. Freeney, preacher. "The Doctrine of the God."

Thursday, October 31, 1996, 7:00 p.m.: New Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church of Troy, AL, Rev. J. Grooms, pastor, Rev. C.L. Hollis, preacher. "The Doctrine of Baptism and the Lord's Supper".

Friday, November 1, 1996, 7:00 p.m.: Pleasant Valley Baptist Church, Rev. J. G. Chatmon, preacher. "The Doctrine of the Deity and Humanity of Christ".

Business Meeting

The pulpit committee of Bethlehem MB Church, Elba, AL, in the Brooksville Community near Danley's Crossroads, is asking all members of Bethlehem to meet at the church the 4th Sunday, October 27, 1996 at 2:00 p.m.

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Evelyn Gulley, Vera Williams, Ernestine Kelley, and Eria Belcher, Elba, AL, visited Randolph and Eloisa Caldwell of Elba, AL last Sunday evening.

HARRIS TEMPLE C.O.G.I.C. NEWS

You are invited to Harris Temple COGIC Annual Mission Dept. Program Sunday night, October 13, 1996 at 7:00 p.m. Guest speaker will be Rev. A.R. Williams, pastor of Rocky Head MB Church. All proceeds from this service will be used to purchase food items for the annual free community wide Christmas dinner held in December.

Faith Chapel Church to hold homecoming and revival

A revival will be held at Faith Chapel Church, October 11-12, at 7:00 each night. Bobby Green with Sound of Spirit will be the guests both nights.

The congregation will celebrate homecoming on October 13, 1996. The featured speaker will be Rev. Charles Jones, pastor of Love's Way Church. The afternoon singers will be Pilgrim's Promise. Everyone is invited to attend.

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New Shiloh Singers to be in concert at Brantley Calvary Baptist Church

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ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY - J. E. Wesley
Sunday School 10:00 a.m. / Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m. / Sunday Afternoon 5:30 p.m. / Wed. Service 7:00 p.m.

ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE - Jimmy Porter
Sunday School 10:00 a.m. / Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m. / Even. Service 6:00 p.m. / Wed. Service 7:00 p.m.

ELBA FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD - Billy J. Redd
Sunday School 9:30 a.m. / Morn. Worship 10:30 a.m. / Even. Service 6:00 p.m. / Wed. Service 7:00 p.m.

ELBA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH - Rev. Robert Paul
Sunday School 9:00 a.m. / Morn. Worship 10:00 a.m. / Even. Service 6:00 p.m. / Wed. Prayer Ser. 6:15 p.m.

ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - Marvin Ennis
Sunday School 9:45 a.m. / Morn. Worship 10:50 a.m. / Even. Services 6:00 p.m.

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Sunday School 10:00 a.m. / Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.

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Sunday School 9:45 a.m. / Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m / Even. Service 6:00 p.m.

FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH - Randall Pearson
Sunday School 9:45 a.m. / Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m. / Wed. Prayer Meet 7:30 p.m.

FAITH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH - Paul Nelson
Sunday School 10:00 a.m. / Morning Service 11:00 a.m. / Worship Service 5:00 p.m. / Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD - Kinston - Danny Bradshaw
Sunday School 9:45 a.m. / Morn. Service 11:00 a.m. / Wed. Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

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Sunday School 10:00 a.m. / Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m. / Sun. Evening 6:00 p.m. / Wed. Services 7:00 p.m.

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Sunday School 10:00 a.m. / Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.

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Sunday School 9:45 a.m. / Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.

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Morning Worship 8:45 a.m.

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Sunday School 9:45 a.m. / Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m. / Even. Service 6:00 p.m. / Wed. Prayer Serv. 7:00 p.m.

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JACK ASSEMBLY OF GOD - Rev. Walter Faulk
Sunday School 9:45 a.m. / Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m. / Wed. Prayer Serv. 7:15 p.m. / Even. Worship 6:00 p.m.

KINSTON FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Lee Swett-Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m. / Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m. / Even. Ser. 8:00 p.m.

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Saturday 6:00 p.m. / Sunday 3:00 p.m. / Wed. Youth Serv 7:00 p.m.

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Sunday School 10:00 a.m. / Worship 11:00 a.m. / Evening Service 5:00 p.m

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Sunday School 10:00 a.m. / Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m. / Even. Service 6:00 p.m.

MT. ZION HOLINESS - Jimmy Bryan - Minister
Sunday School 10:00 a.m. / Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m. / Even. Service 5:00 p.m. / Tues. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

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Sunday School 10:00 a.m. / Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m. / Even. Service 6:00 p.m. / Wed. Prayer Serv 7:00 p.m.

MT. VERNON ASSEMBLY OF GOD - Hubert Spann
Sunday School 10:00 a.m. / Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m. / Even. Service 5:30 p.m.

MULBERRY HGTS. CHURCH OF CHRIST - R. B. Williams
Sunday School 9:45 a.m. / Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m. / Wed. Bible Class 6:30 p.m.

MUSTARD SEED FOUNDATION - Mary Seavey
Sunday Morning Services 10:30 a.m / Evening Service 6:00 p.m. / Wed. Night Service 6:00 p.m

NEW ABUNDANT LIFE DEL. - Hirron, Linda Williams
Sunday 10 & 11 a.m. / Sun. Even. 7:30 p.m. / Wed. Even 7:30 p.m. / Fri. Even. 7:30 p.m.

NEWBIA BAPTIST CHURCH - Culon Davis
Sunday School 10:00 a.m. / Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m. / Even. Service 5:00 p.m. / Wed. Prayer Serv. 7:00 p.m.

NEW BROCKTON METHODIST - Ben McKee
Sunday School 9:45 a.m. / Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m. / Even. Worship 5:00 p.m.

NEW CHAPEL BAPTIST - Elbert Smith
Sunday School 9:45 a.m. / Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m. / Bible Study 5:00 p.m / Even. Service 6:00 p.m. / Wed. Prayer Meet 6:00 p.m.

NEW EBENEZER BAPTIST - Alfred Ikner
Sunday School 10:00 a.m. / Morn Worship 11:00 a.m. / Even. Service 5:30 p.m. / Wed Eve. Service 6:30 p.m.

NEW HAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH - Charlie Shields
Sunday School 10:00 a.m. / Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m / Even. Worship 6:00 p.m / Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m

NEW HAVEN ASSEMBLY OF GOD - Jack Wilkes
Sunday School 10:00 a.m. / Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m. / Even. Service 5:00 p.m. / Wed. Even. Serv. 7:00 p.m.

NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH - J. C. Turner
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ROCKY HEAD M.B. CHURCH - A. R. Williams
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ROETON BAPTIST CHURCH - W.R. Fuller
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SHADY GROVE AME - Rev. F. L. Flowers
Sunday School 10:00 a.m. / Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m. / Praise Service Mon. 6:00 p.m. / Wed. Bible Study 6:00 p.m.

SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH - Campbell Sasser
Sunday School 10:00 a.m. / Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m. / Even. Service 7:00 p.m. / Wed. Prayer Meet. 7:00 p.m.

VICTORIA BAPTIST CHURCH - Ben Amlong
Sunday School 9:45 a.m. / Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m. / Even. Service 6:00 p.m.

WESTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH - Tony Dye
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WHITEWATER BAPTIST CHURCH - Danny Maddox
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WISE MILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD - Kenneth Hagler
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WOODLAND GROVE BAPTIST - Seabren Wooten
Sunday School 10:00 a.m. / Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m. / Even Service 6:00 p.m. / Wed. Prayer Meet 7:00 p.m.

WOOTEN CHAPEL ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH - Mike Medley
Sunday School 10:00 a.m. / Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m. / Even Service 5:00 p.m. / Wed. Service 7:00 p.m.

ZION CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH - Raymond Miller
Sunday School 9:45 a.m. / Morning Serv. 11:00 a.m. / Even. Service 6:00 p.m.

ZOAR COMMUNITY CHURCH - Richard and Pat Jones
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Social Notes

Belcher–Manning wedding planned for Saturday, November 2nd

Mr. Manning & Miss Belcher

Desiring God's will for their lives and believing that it includes each other, Evelyn Yvonne Belcher and Michael Matthew Manning, together with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Grover Belcher, Sr. and Mr. and Mrs. Johnny E. Manning Jr. invite you to share in their joy as they are to be united in holy matrimony on Saturday, November 2, 1996 at 11:00 a.m. The ceremony will be held at the Rocky Head Missionary Baptist Church, Hwy. 125, Elba, AL. A reception will follow immediately in the church fellowship hall. Friends and family are invited to attend.

Miss Virginia Sawyer

Miss Sawyer to wed Mr. Kennett November 2

Mr. and Mrs. William Edwin Sawyer of Enterprise, announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Virginia Lee, to Mr. Charles Shawn Kennett, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Travis Sellers, Jr. of Enterprise and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Richard Kennett, Jr. of Macon, Georgia.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mrs. James F. Martin and the late Mr. Martin of Enterprise and Mrs. Adolph Sawyer and the late Mr. Sawyer of Enterprise.

She is a 1989 graduate of Enterprise High School. Ms. Sawyer graduated from Auburn University where she was a member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority and Sigma Tau Delta, English honorary. She earned her M.A. degree in literature from Boston University.

The future groom is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Roy McDowell of Elba and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Richard Kennett of Elba.

He is a 1989 graduate of Enterprise High School. Mr. Kennett attended Troy State University where he was a member of Pi Kappa Phi fraternity.

The wedding is planned for November 2 at six o'clock in the evening at the First United Methodist Church of Enterprise.

Class of 1976 to have reunion

The Class of 1976 is planning a class reunion Homecoming weekend November 1-2, 1996. For more information about the planned activities call Jana Kelley 897-2580 or Debbie Rhoades 565-3554.

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Katie Moody

Birthday Girl

Katie Moody, the daughter of John and Jan Moody of Hoover, AL will celebrate her fifth birthday on Saturday, October 12. Katie will spend her birthday with her grandmother, Sara Moody, and great grandfather, J.W. Moody in Elba. Her other grandparents are Jane and Walter Autrey of Greenville, and Mr. and Mrs. E. Autrey.

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PTO to sponsor Fall Festival October 10th

The Elba PTO will sponsor The Fall Festival, that will be held at The Elba Elementary School, on Thursday, October 10, from 5:00 - 7:30 p.m. A Black & Gold Show will follow at The Elba High School Auditorium at 8:00. More details to follow.

Wise–Kelley wedding united in holy matrimony, September 14th

On Saturday, September 14, 1996, at 5:00 p.m., Miss Mona Kelley and Mr. Gappa Wise were united in marriage at Westside Baptist Church.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Kelley of Elba. The groom is the son of Mrs. Shirley Morgan and the late James J. Wise, Jr. of Elba.

The stately doors of the church were adorned with white wedding bells and flowing white ribbon.

Upon entering the church the guests registered in the bride's book which was attended by Miss Casey Corley, friend of the bride. The table held an arrangement of fresh flowers on a mirrored column.

Mrs. Marissa Warren of Elba provided a variety of musical selections on the piano as guests entered the beautifully decorated sanctuary.

The choir loft was aglow with a large candle tree in the center and four nine-branch candle trees filled with greenery and beautiful fresh flowers. On each side of the sanctuary was a spiral candelabra with flowing greenery. Soft greenery outlined the railing of the choir loft. In the center of each window was mixed greenery. An arrangement of fresh flowers marked the mother's pew and every other pew with greenery and white ribbon.

The candles were lit by Mr. Collins Wise and Mr. James Wise, cousins of the groom. Mrs. Mary Nolin, grandmother of the groom, was escorted by Mr. James Wise and Mrs. Mary Alice Wise, grandmother of the groom, was escorted by Mr. Collins Wise. After seating of the grandmothers, Miss Amelia Bedsole sang "Grow Old Along With Me". Mrs. Shirley Morgan was escorted by her son, Mr. Jetey Wise. For this occasion, she chose a lovely two piece gray silk suit. Mrs. Kelley was escorted by her husband, Mr. Dwight Kelley. For her daughter's wedding, she chose a two piece mauve suit.

The wedding party entered the sanctuary as the pianist played and sang, "I Will Be Here". Mr. Jetey Wise, brother of the groom, served as best man. Groomsmen were Mr. Wynn Grimes, Mr. Jason Moore, Mr. Troy Kelley, Mr. Chris Thomas, and Mr. Stan Sauls, all of Elba.

Mrs. Kim Lowery, sister of the bride, served as matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Miss Karen Ellis, Miss Kristi Owens, Mrs. Mandy Jefcoat, Miss Amy Osborn, all of Elba, and Miss Whitley Wise of St. Simons, GA. They wore floor length dresses of deep plum. Each attendant wore pearl and plum drop earrings given by the bride. They carried a hand-held bouquet of fresh flowers.

The bride was escorted to the altar by her father as the pianist played the traditional "Wedding March". The formal gown was of white bridal raw silk. The empire waist was heavy lace with scattered pearls. The train attached to the back with three rosebuds and flowing ribbon. She chose a two tier finger-tip veil gathered to a coronet of rosebuds and pearls. She carried a stemmed bouquet of white roses, freesia, and larkspur. The double ring ceremony was officiated by Dr. Tony Dye, pastor of Westside Baptist Church. Before the couple was pronounced husband and wife, Marissa Warren sang "The Lord's Prayer". At the conclusion of the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Rob Hudson, cousins of the bride, sang "To Me". The pastor then invited everyone to the reception hosted by the bride's parents, family and friends.

The reception was held in the church activities building. The double doors held heart wreaths with bells and flowing ribbon. As the guests entered, they enjoyed a collage of pictures of Gappa and Mona at various stages of their lives. The bride's table was covered with a battenburg cloth and held a five tiered cake with fresh flowers between each tier. Serving the bride's cake were Mrs. Sabrina Kelley and Mrs. Denise Sauls. The groom's table was covered with an off-white battenburg cloth. The cake was a two layered chocolate cake. Serving the groom's cake were Mrs. Ashley Wise and Miss Lisa Grimes.

The punch table was covered with a white battenburg cloth. A large silver punch bowl nestled in greenery held the punch. Silver candlesticks, given to the bride's parents on their 25th wedding anniversary, were used on the other end. Serving the punch were Miss Misty Kelley and Miss Cammie Kelley.

The reception area held long tables in a cross pattern centered by a floral arrangement of fresh flowers. The tables were covered with white battenburg cloths and contained a variety of delicious foods prepared by family and friends. Tables covered in white cloths centered with stick people and greenery were arranged for the guests to sit and enjoy the festive reception. Miss Kayla Kelley handed out birdseed bags during the reception.

Following the reception, Mona and Gappa changed into their going away outfits and left the church as friends and family threw birdseed and wished them well. After a three day cruise to the Bahama's, the couple is residing in Elba.

Directors of the wedding and reception were Mrs. Barbara Hudson and Mrs. Henrietta Grimes.

Mrs. Gappa Wise

Mrs. Paula Cobb speaks to AARP

Mrs. Pauline Cobb, District Coordinator of AARP lead a very informative discussion on ways membership renewals could be increased in everyone's AARP Chapter. Mr. Jim Williams gave the invocation. Mrs. Olive Martin presided during the business meeting. Ms. Lillian Taylor, Mrs. Elaine Thompson, and Mrs. Quinnie Whitman were hostesses for the meeting. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Newman and Mrs. Addie Belle Martin will serve as host and hostesses for the October 15 meeting. Welcome to all new members.

Coffee County Retired Teachers and Support Personnel to meet

Coffee County Retired Teachers and Support Personnel will meet Tuesday, October 15, 1996 at El Palacio's Restaurant in Enterprise, AL at 11:00 a.m. The speaker will be Dr. Rick McBride, Executive Secretary, Alabama Retired Teachers' Association. All members are urged to attend. Support your organization and get 1996-97 local and state dues up to date.

Poem published by Shari Stewart

Shari Stewart

Shari Stewart of Elba, AL has just had original poetry published in Through The Hourglass, a treasury of today's poetry compiled by the National Library of Poetry. The poem is entitled "Mom and Dad", and the main subject is memories of her parents.

The National Library of Poetry seeks to discover and encourage poets like Shari Stewart by sponsoring contests that are open to the public and by publishing poems in widely distributed hardback volumes.

Shari has been writing for approximately 18 years and her favorite subjects and ideas are family and friends.

New Brockton PTO to hold Open House

The New Brockton PTO will meet and have Open House, Thursday, October 10th, from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m., in the school auditorium.

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Church News

PASTOR'S CORNER

Rev. MART GRAY
First Baptist Church

Ever feel like you've gotten down to the dregs of your energy and emotion? I must confess that's where I'm writing from this week. This is my fourth start on this writing project and I'm still quite unsure of what it is I want to say or how I wish to say it. Two deaths within our church family, another who is, at the time of this writing, most critically ill, and many in our community who are facing serious health problems have taken their toll on my spirits and, I'm sure, many others throughout our community. If it really does come in waves, we're due flat seas real soon as I see it.

Sunday was a special day in our church. We begin our new church year on the first Sunday in October. So the building was abuzz with new teachers scampering to their classes, children finding their way to new rooms, different faces in leadership positions, and to top it all off it was a wonderfully crisp Fall morning which seems to put a little extra bounce in everyone's step. Our worship service was out of the ordinary, as well. To signal the beginning of the new year, we had planned to celebrate the Lord's Supper and have a service of dedication for our deacon body. All in all, it had the trappings of a grand day.

Yet I didn't feel so grand. The prospects of leading our people through a worship experience gave me no spiritual jump-start, no special dispensation of ecclesiastical energy. I found myself having to be honest with God about my feelings and not at all out of any noble sense of integrity. I simply didn't have the energy or creativity to lie! No facade, no Sunday-morning "everything's O.K. smile", just spent emotions and a deep desire to throw in the towel. It was with this emotional milieu I faced the table of our Lord, which is to me the most powerful symbol of all that it means to be called a child of God.

The elements were passed…the bread…the body broken…and the cup…the blood shed. And as I shared in the consumption of God's grace I was reminded of the overwhelming irony of Communion. We celebrate the hope of grace and at the same time remember the suffering of our Lord. That bittersweet dichotomy brought over my whole being a great sense of comfort. The Balm of Gilead soothed as nothing else could have done. It is in the darkness of honest broken-ness that we can see most clearly the light of hope that Christ offers to those who share in His grace.

For those few moments around the Lord's table, I knew that there was life and light and hope. And, though my spirit still sags, I am reminded again that the Christian life is not a life senza suffering, but rather it is a life that calls us to suffer with Christ and with our fellow man, knowing that He will give us strength for the day and hope for tomorrow. Hope in suffering is not a new concept to God; it is embodied in the elements of the Eucharist. He hears, He shares, He knows. In the words of a contemporary author, "Come take the bread; come drink the wine; come share the Lord!"

Curtis School Reunion planned for Oct. 12th

The eleventh annual Curtis School Reunion will be held Saturday, October 12, 1996. The Curtis School site is no longer available for the reunion, so it will be held at the Heart of Dixie Music Park. The music park is located one mile east of Danley's Cross Roads on Hwy. 84 near Elba. Bring food, drinks, and a lawn chair. All paper products and ice will be furnished. Linda Cannon Westbrook will be honored as the Outstanding Alumnae. She and her siblings will be the family recognized to share memories. George Parker and siblings will also share memories. Registration will begin at 11:00 and lunch will be served at noon.

Five Star VFD sponsoring Barbecue October 12th

The Five Star VFD is sponsoring a National Fire Prevention Week Pork Bar-B-Que on Saturday, October 12, 1996, from 10:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Plates will be sold at the Five Star Fire Department for $4.50 per plate. Plates include BBQ, rice, slaw, bread, and cake. Donations will be accepted.

Note Of Thanks

To all who helped in our time of need:

We would like to say thank you and express our deepest appreciation for all of the kindness shown to our family in our time of need. There are no words that can truly express our appreciation to you for all of the items, money, and anything else you might have done. When everything is lost in a house fire, there is such devastation, you think you'll never put it back together, but thanks to people like you, things are coming together. The dark end of the tunnel is now becoming light again. We are trying to put our lives back together as best we can, and people like you make it easier.

May God bless each and every-one of you.

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Selected scripture: Romans 16:1-27.

Thinking of you, praying for you. Monroe Richardson, Adell Anderson, Charles Hightower, Ida Phillips, Johnnie Daniels, Edd E. Marshall, Annie L. Coleman, Robert Coleman, Eva Rayborn, Dora Belcher, John E. Folmar, Curlie D. Thomas, Mary B. Belcher.

Youth need to know America's Black heritage, a continuing strength in our society.

October 1, 1917: E.J. Scott appointed Special Asst. Secretary of War.

October 2, 1863: Alexander T. Agusta, one of the first Black doctors of Civil War.

America's Black Heritage Calendar

Annual Choir Day

Annual Choir Day of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church of Brantley, AL will be held Saturday, October 19, 1996 at 6:00 p.m. Rev. Cortez Hall is pastor.

The mistress of order will be Sis. Priscilla Luckerson.

Each choir is asked to render an A and B selection.

Song service: First Unity Baptist Church, Gospel Harmonettes, Mt. Moriah Baptist Church, Holy Tabernacle, Pine Grove Baptist Church, Reflections of Life, St. Matthew AME Church, Brantley COGIC, Mulberry Baptist Church, New Jerusalem, Spring Hill Baptist Church, Bro. Robert Daniels, Oak Grove Baptist Church, Rocky Head MB Church, C.W.F.F. Church of the Living God, Spiritual Harmonettes, Harris Temple COGIC, St. Mark Baptist Church, Mt. Moriah Baptist (Greenville), St. Luke AME, Antioch Baptist Church, Three Generations, St. Peter Baptist Church, Humble Servants.

If your name does not appear on the program, you are still welcome to come. Refreshments will be served.

Educational Institute & Seminar

The Mulberry Baptist District Association presents the 1996 Educational Institute and Seminar to be held with the following churches: Mt. Calvary, Elba Zion, Bethlehem, New Mt. Pleasant, and Pleasant Valley. It will be held October 28-November 1, 1996.

Rev. L. Tyson, Director of Christian Education and Rev. A.C. Darby, Sr., Chairman of Evangelistic Board. Rev. J. G. Chatmon is moderator.

Lectures will be by Rev. A.C. Darby and Rev. L. Tyson.

Agenda:

Monday, October 28, 1996, 7:00 p.m.: Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, Elba, AL, Rev. J. R. Parks, pastor, Rev. J. Lawrence, preacher. "The Doctrine of Salvation."

Tuesday, October 29, 1996, 7:00 p.m., Elba Zion Baptist Church, Elba, AL, Rev. J.L. Grayer, pastor, Rev. J.R. Parks, preacher. "The Doctrine of the Holy Spirit."

Wednesday, October 30, 1996, 7:00 p.m.: Bethlehem Baptist Church, Elba, AL, Rev. E. Freeney, preacher. "The Doctrine of the God."

Thursday, October 31, 1996, 7:00 p.m.: New Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church of Troy, AL, Rev. J. Grooms, pastor, Rev. C.L. Hollis, preacher. "The Doctrine of Baptism and the Lord's Supper".

Friday, November 1, 1996, 7:00 p.m.: Pleasant Valley Baptist Church, Rev. J. G. Chatmon, preacher. "The Doctrine of the Deity and Humanity of Christ".

Business Meeting

The pulpit committee of Bethlehem MB Church, Elba, AL, in the Brooksville Community near Danley's Crossroads, is asking all members of Bethlehem to meet at the church the 4th Sunday, October 27, 1996 at 2:00 p.m.

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Evelyn Gulley, Vera Williams, Ernestine Kelley, and Eria Belcher, Elba, AL, visited Randolph and Eloisa Caldwell of Elba, AL last Sunday evening.

HARRIS TEMPLE C.O.G.I.C. NEWS

You are invited to Harris Temple COGIC Annual Mission Dept. Program Sunday night, October 13, 1996 at 7:00 p.m. Guest speaker will be Rev. A.R. Williams, pastor of Rocky Head MB Church. All proceeds from this service will be used to purchase food items for the annual free community wide Christmas dinner held in December.

Faith Chapel Church to hold homecoming and revival

A revival will be held at Faith Chapel Church, October 11-12, at 7:00 each night. Bobby Green with Sound of Spirit will be the guests both nights.

The congregation will celebrate homecoming on October 13, 1996. The featured speaker will be Rev. Charles Jones, pastor of Love's Way Church. The afternoon singers will be Pilgrim's Promise. Everyone is invited to attend.

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New Shiloh Singers to be in concert at Brantley Calvary Baptist Church

The New Shiloh Singers will be performing at Brantley Calvary Baptist Church on October 12 at 7:00 p.m. The Waymakers will follow. The pastor of the church, Billy Ray Kilcrease, will speak. The church is located about 18 miles out of Elba on Hwy. 189 North (Brantley Hwy.). The church sits on the left side of the road in a valley. The Shiloh Singers are one of Elba's own group of singers. Everyone is invited to attend.

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Even. Serv. ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet ... 7:00 p.m.

BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH -
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m
Even. Worship ... 6:00 p.m
Wed. Prayer Serv. ... 6:30 p.m.

BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST - J. J. Hataway
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship ... 6:30 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service ... 6:30 p.m.

BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH - A.O. Martz
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service ... 6:00 p.m.

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST - E. H. Hill
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship ... 12:00noon
1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th Sundays

DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH - Faron Golden
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 7:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Serv. ... 7:00 p.m.

DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH - Donnie Marler
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST - Bill Beck, MINISTER
Bible Study ... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study ... 7:00 p.m.

THE SHEPHERD'S FOLD CHURCH OF GOD - Lamar Dean
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Evangelistic Serv. ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Serv. ... 7:00 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY - J. E. Wesley
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Afternoon ... 5:30 p.m.
Wed. Service ... 7:00 p.m.

ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE - Jimmy Porter
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service ... 7:00 p.m.

ELBA FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD - Billy J. Redd
Sunday School ... 9:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 10:30 a.m.
Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service ... 7:00 p.m.

ELBA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH - Rev. Robert Paul
Sunday School ... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Ser. ... 6:15 p.m.

ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - Marvin Ennis
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 10:50 a.m.
Even. Services ... 6:00 p.m.

EANON BAPTIST CHURCH - Bernard Strickland
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.

ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH - J. L. Grayer
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m
Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m.

FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH - Randall Pearson
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet ... 7:30 p.m.

FAITH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH - Paul Nelson
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morning Service ... 11:00 a.m.
Worship Service ... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service ... 7:00 p.m.

FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD - Kinston - Danny Bradshaw
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Service ... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study ... 7:00 p.m.

FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS - Joe B. Grimes-Pastor
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Sun. Evening ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Services ... 7:00 p.m.

GREATER NEW ZION BAPTIST CHURCH - Willie L. Peterson
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.

HARRIS TEMPLE COGIC - Pastor W. K. Ellison
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship ... 11:00 a.m.

HAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH-Rev. Marvin Ennis
Morning Worship ... 8:45 a.m.

HAW HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD - Shirlie Ellis
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Serv. ... 7:00 p.m.

HEBRON BAPTIST CHURCH - Frank Lowery
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 6:30 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet ... 7:00 p.m.

INO ASSEMBLY OF GOD - Wesley D. Ard
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet ... 6:30 p.m.

INO BAPTIST CHURCH - Garry Winstead
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Night Prayer Serv. ... 7:00 p.m.

JACK ASSEMBLY OF GOD - Rev. Walter Faulk
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Serv. ... 7:15 p.m.
Even. Worship ... 6:00 p.m.

KINSTON FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Lee Swett-Pastor
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Ser. ... 8:00 p.m.

LIVING WORD PENTECOSTAL CHURCH - Ron & Mary Stinson - Pastors
Saturday ... 6:00 p.m.
Sunday ... 3:00 p.m.
Wed. Youth Serv. ... 7:00 p.m.

LIBERTY CHURCH OF CHRIST - Greg Hanchey- Minister
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service ... 5:00 p.m

MT. CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH - J. R. Parks - Pastor
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
1st, 2nd, & 3rd Sundays

MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH - Billy P. McCollough - Pastor
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m.

MT. ZION HOLINESS - Jimmy Bryan - Minister
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 5:00 p.m.
Tues. Prayer Service ... 7:00 p.m.

MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH - Richard Moss
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Serv. ... 7:00 p.m.

MT. VERNON ASSEMBLY OF GOD - Hubert Spann
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 5:30 p.m.

MULBERRY HGTS. CHURCH OF CHRIST - R. B. Williams
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Class ... 6:30 p.m.

MUSTARD SEED FOUNDATION - Mary Seavey
Sunday Morning Services ... 10:30 a.m
Evening Service ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Night Service ... 6:00 p.m

NEW ABUNDANT LIFE DEL. - Hirron, Linda Williams
Sunday ... 10 & 11 a.m.
Sun. Even. ... 7:30 p.m.
Wed. Even ... 7:30 p.m.
Fri. Even. ... 7:30 p.m.

NEWBIA BAPTIST CHURCH - Culon Davis
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Serv. ... 7:00 p.m.

NEW BROCKTON METHODIST - Ben McKee
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship ... 5:00 p.m.

NEW CHAPEL BAPTIST - Elbert Smith
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Bible Study ... 5:00 p.m
Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet ... 6:00 p.m.

NEW EBENEZER BAPTIST - Alfred Ikner
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 5:30 p.m.
Wed Eve. Service ... 6:30 p.m.

NEW HAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH - Charlie Shields
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m
Even. Worship ... 6:00 p.m
Prayer Meeting ... 6:30 p.m

NEW HAVEN ASSEMBLY OF GOD - Jack Wilkes
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 5:00 p.m.
Wed.Even. Serv. ... 7:00 p.m.

NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH - J. C. Turner
Sunday School ... 10.00a.m.
Morn Worship ... 11.00a.m.
Even. Worship ... 7:00p.m.
Wed. Prayer Serv ... 7:00p.m.

NEW PHILADELPHIA CHURCH OF GOD - Lorearl Flowers
Sunday School ... 10:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 12:00
2nd & 4th Sundays

ROCKY HEAD M.B. CHURCH - A .R. Williams
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:30 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

ROETON BAPTIST CHURCH - W.R. Fuller
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Ser. ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting ... 7:00 p.m.

SHADY GROVE AME - Rev. F. L. Flowers
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Praise Service Mon. ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study ... 6:00 p.m.

SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH - Campbell Sasser
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 7:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet. ... 7:00 p.m.

VICTORIA BAPTIST CHURCH - Ben Amlong
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m.

WESTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH - Tony Dye
Sunday School ... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 5:30 p.m.
Prayer Meeting Wed. ... 7:00 p.m.

WHITEWATER BAPTIST CHURCH - Danny Maddox
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet ... 7:00 p.m.

WISE MILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD - Kenneth Hagler
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Service ... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Serv ... 7:00 p.m.

WOODLAND GROVE BAPTIST - Seabren Wooten
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even Service ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet ... 7:00 p.m.

WOOTEN CHAPEL ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH - Mike Medley
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even Service ... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service ... 7:00 p.m.

ZION CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH- Raymond Miller
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.
Morning Serv. ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m.

ZOAR COMMUNITY CHURCH - Richard and Pat Jones
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m.
Thursday Serv. ... 7:00 p.m.

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Student Spotlight

by Chastity Williams & Shanta Caldwell

Cammie Kelley - Eighth - is the daughter of Jerry and Theresa Kelley. She attends the Westside Baptist Church of Elba. Her hobbies are cheering, swimming, playing tennis, going to the beach, and talking with her friends. She's a member of the Jr. Beta and the Jr. Varsity Cheerleading Squad. The things Cammie likes best about EHS are the pep rallies.

Lindsey Jared - Freshman - is the daughter of Debbie and Mike Jared. She attends the Elba United Methodist Church. Her hobbies are basketball, softball, cheering, playing golf, and being Elbie. Lindsey is a member of Jr. Beta, FFA, Student Council, and FHA.

Emily Bryan - Sophomore - is the daughter of Hubert and Lou Ann Bryan. She attends the Mt. Olive Baptist Church of Elba. Her hobbies include showing steers, taking dance classes, shopping, and talking on the phone. Emily is a member of FFA, SADD, Sr. Beta, and the Student Council. The thing she likes best about EHS is the spirit competition.

Elba Elementary School Menu
October 14 - 18, 1996

BREAKFAST	LUNCH
Monday - Holiday.	Monday - Holiday.
Tuesday - Cheese Grits, Toast w/Jelly or Cereal.	Tuesday - Pizza, Corn on Cob, Broccoli, 1/2 Orange.
Wednesday -Pancakes w/ Syrup or Cereal.	Wednesday - Corndog, Macaroni & Cheese, Turnips w/Pork, Peach Half.
Thursday - Sausage Biscuit w/Jelly or Cereal.	Thursday - Cheeseburger, Tator Tots, Baked Beans, Lettuce, Tomato, Dill Pickle, Cookie.
Friday - Eggs, Toast w/Jelly or Cereal.	Friday - Lasagna, Green Salad, Rolls, 1/2 Apple.

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EHS Librarian Honored

Mrs. Margaret Calhoun, EHS's Library Media Specialist, was honored at this year's LAMP (Library and Media Professional) workshop. The Award for Exceptional Service was presented to eight of Alabama's very best School Library Media Specialists. Mrs. Calhoun is one of this year's eight recipients. Along with Mrs. Calhoun at the Montgomery session were honorees Susan Phares of Enterprise High and Judy Reeves of Windham Elementary in Daleville.

LAMP workshops bring together Alabama library professionals in a mini-convention setting in five different regions across the state. In addition to new products and materials displayed and demonstrated, a brief general session is followed by educational sessions. Presenters and topics for this year were Kathryn Tucker Windham with "Secrets of Storytelling", Lisa Churchill with a debate on "Books vs. Technology" and Ann White, South Carolina educator and humorist, with a session on "Public Relations".

EHS is proud to have educators of Mrs. Calhoun's caliber working in pursuit of excellence in our school.

What's Happening...

by Carla Gray

On Oct. 9, 1996, the Lady Tigers will play against Geneva and New Brockton here at 4:00p.m.

On Oct.10, 1996, The EHS J.V. Football team will play against Luverne here at 7:00p.m.

On Oct. 11, 1996, The Elba Tigers will play against Geneva here at 7:30.

We hope that everyone will come out and support all of our Tigers.

Test-Taker's Checklist For ACT

Basic Strategies

*Budget your time. Work swiftly: don't linger over difficult questions.

*When you must, guess. There is no penalty for guessing, so answer every question.

*Read each question carefully. Answer the question asked, not the one you may have expected.

*Save the hardest questions for last.

*Mark answers cleanly and accurately. Check the numbering of your answer sheet often. Erase cleanly; leave no stray marks.

*Change answers if you have a reason for doing so. However, it's usually best not to change based on a hunch or whim.

Source: *Barron's Pass Key to the ACT.*

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

by Melissa Benbow

ACT National Test Dates

Test Date	Regular Reg. Deadline	Late Reg. Deadline
Dec. 14, 1996	Nov. 15	Nov. 29
Feb. 8, 1997	Jan. 10	Jan. 24
April 12, 1997	March 14	March 28
June 14, 1997	May 16	May 30

*Auburn University is offering approximately 30 scholarships ranging from $500.00 to $5,000.00 per year. The scholarships are for those planning to major in Textile Engineering, Textile Chemistry, or Textile Management and Technology.

* Auburn University has changed some of its application process and requirements for scholarships. Mr. Carnley has details.

*The University of Alabama is holding an Open House for prospective Engineering students on Thursday, October 17, 1996.

ELBA HIGH SCHOOL Lunch Menu
October 14 - 18, 1996

Monday - Holiday.
Tuesday - Pizza, French Fries, Buttered Corn, Fruit, Milk.
Wednesday - Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce, Green Salad, Rolls, Dessert, Milk.
Thursday - Chicken Fillet on Bun, Rice, Broccoli w/Cheese, Field Peas, Dessert, Milk.
Friday - Chili w/Beans, Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Crackers, Dessert, Milk.

Tiger Reps Selected

by D'Undray Peterson

Tiger Reps was started by Mr. Charles Clark and Mr. Mack King in the school year of 1992-93. The Tiger Reps are chosen by a committee of teachers. The students are recommended and their grades have to be in good academic standing. Six girls and six boys are chosen and 2 alternates for each group; boy and girl.

The Tiger Reps will represent Elba High School at specialized events by welcoming visitors and offering help and directions where needed. Tiger Reps are ambassadors for our school and will present many visitors with their first and most lasting impression of our school.

The benefit for being a Tiger Rep include the honor and prestige of being chosen as a model to present our school image to visitors. Also free admission and parking at all sporting events are offered.

The 1996-97 Tiger Reps are: Josh Mack, D'Undray Peterson, Trent Calhoun, Mandy Knighten, Melissa Benbow, Jason Jordan, Princess Fleming, Britany McCall, Todd McKee, Heidi Bowers, William Morrow, and Seth Manring.

Journalism Class Travels To TSU

by Melissa Benbow

On September 26, 1996, the Journalism Staff attended the Southeast Regional High School Journalism Workshop held at Troy State University. The workshop began at 9:00 with a welcome and then the students separated into different classes. There were three sessions with the following classes in each session so that each student would have a chance to attend different classes. The classes they attended are as follows: Making/Choosing That Good Photo; Sports Writing: The Hows and Whys; Reporting: Start With The Basics; TV News; TV Production; Layout and Design: The Showroom For Your Newsroom; Proper Use Of Advertising; Student Editors' Session and an Advisors' Session. The students had lunch and visited with various schools before returning to Elba High School. The students who attended are as follows: Doug Grimes, Renae Nicholson, Britany McCall, Chastity Williams, Shanta Caldwell, Carla Gray, Vipul Patel, Kayron Whitworth, Melissa Benbow.

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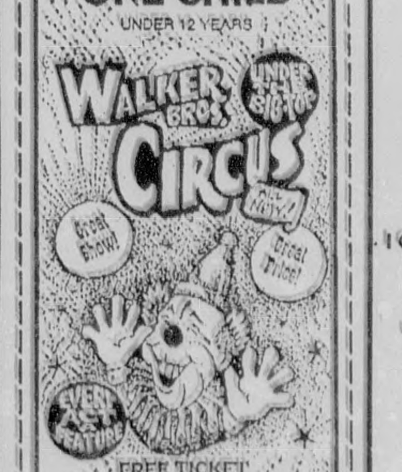

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Co-Op Spotlight

HEATHER VAUGHAN

Serving food, answering the telephone, running the cash register, answering the customers in the drive-through window, and cleaning are included in the duties of Heather Vaughan who works at Pizza Hut in Elba.

Heather has been working at Pizza Hut for about six months and she works in the afternoon after school as well as on some weekends.

When Heather was asked about her job, she said, "I enjoy working at Pizza Hut and sometimes the tips are real good. I have learned a lot about responsibility and what it takes to please customers who are always right!"

SAEP Required In Agri-Business

Supervised Agriculture Experience Program (SAEP) is an activity required of each student enrolled in Agri-business. This means that each student must keep a record of events on how he or she has earned money. It must include improvements made, material produced or raised, and the amount of money earned. A SAEP can be on anything from painting to raising livestock. The livestock can be raised purely for profit or for showing. A SAEP is a part of every students final grade in Agri-business.

News Briefs

BAND MEMBERS SELL SUBWAY CARDS

Subway Power Cards were sold by the members of the Zion Chapel band for the band's first fund raiser this year. The Subway Power Cards can be used at any area Subway to get free a 6-inch sub sandwich or a 12-inch sub sandwich when a 6-inch sub and a medium drink or a 12-inch sub and a medium drink have been purchased. The cards sell for $10 and are valid until June 30. There is no limit on the number of times the card can be used.

The fund raiser was held to help the band with the entry fees and transportation costs for the two marching band contests the band plans to attend this year. One contest is the Little Bighorn Marching Band Contest in Opp and the other one is a contest sponsored by T.R. Miller High School Band in Brewton.

FBLA MEMBERSHIP

Ninety-two members were the result of a recruitment and membership drive for the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA). Last year the Chapter has 70 members so the 92 members this year means that the Chapter has experienced a 24% increase in membership.

Students enrolled in all the upper-level business courses have joined FBLA. These courses are Keyboarding Applications, Business Management, and Community Co-Op. The business instructors are Mrs. Rachel Bryan and Ms. Stacy Spears.

This 100% membership in business classes is the first step in completing the national project "Go for the Gold." The club has also taken the first step in completing the state project "Proud to be an America." This step is promoting voter registration. Mrs. Bryan is a Deputy Registrar with the Coffee County Board of Registrars. So far this months she has registered six persons who had never voted before.

100% FFA MEMBERSHIP

A 100% membership in FFA was the goal of the fourth period Agri-business class taught by Mr. John McCrory. They met their goal and were rewarded with a cookout.

This class has 23 members and all 23 were invited to a cookout where hamburgers, hotdogs, and homemade ice cream were served. The officers of FFA were the cooks!

While the food was being prepared the honored guests were taught the fine art of bow hunting. They used a deer target to sharpen their skills.

The membership contest was conducted between all the Agri-business classes and fourth period was the first to achieve the goal.

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REBEL NEWS
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* *Tops In Mag Sales* *

Pictured above (l-r) are: Laura Williams, Jamie Hall, Amy Eddins, and Chris Archie

Laura Williams and Jamie Hall each earned $50 and tied for first place in the annual junior class magazine subscription sale. Amy Eddins came in second and earned $30 for her efforts. Third place seller Chris Archie earned $20.

After two weeks of selling subscriptions the members of the junior class exceeded their goal of $7000 by almost a $1000. Each student had to sell a quota of 10 magazine subscriptions or a total of $175. At the end of two weeks the goal was exceeded and the sale did not have to be extended.

Individual prizes included a set of juggling balls for selling subscriptions to Reader's Digest, a '98 keychain for 5 subscriptions, a cassette certificate for 10 subscriptions, and a CD certificate for 15 subscriptions.

The magazine subscription sale is to finance the Junior-Senior Prom which will be held in the high school auditorium this year. The junior class sponsors, Ms. Mary Herbert, Mrs. Jackie Jinright, and Ms. Stacy Spears, report that the change in location is because of the high cost of renting the Adams Center Ballroom on the campus of Troy State University.

New Junior High Math Club

Pictured above are: Jane Coale and Lori McCrory

Middle School students can now join a new Junior High Math Club founded for the purpose of encouraging interest in learning math. The sponsors of this new club are Mrs. Lori McCrory and Mrs. Jane Coale. In addition to the sixth and seventh grade students in the middle school, other junior high students in the eighth and ninth grade can join the club.

The club's first activity is a fund raising opportunity during the Harvest Festival season. They are selling tickets for $1 each for a chance to win "half the pot." On the night of the Harvest Festival one ticket will be drawn and the person whose name is on that ticket will get half the proceeds from the ticket sales. The other half of the proceeds will be used for buying software that will help the members of the club raise their math grades as well as help in preparing them for local, district, and state math competitions.

Students Take Exit Exams

The High School Basic Exit Exam, formerly called the Alabama High School Graduation Exam, was administered to Zion Chapel students recently. A student must pass this test and all course work before being issued a high school diploma. This is true of all school students in the State of Alabama.

The State Board of Education has approved a harder graduation exam as part of a revision of the state's testing plan. This year's freshman class will be the first to take the new, harder test when they become high school juniors. That year this same test will be administered to seniors who did not pass the test the year before. The class of 2000, this year's freshman class, will also be bound by tougher course requirements for graduation, including four years each of English, social studies, math and science as well as mandatory classes in Algebra I and geometry.

According to The Montgomery Advertiser Dr. Ed Richardson, State Superintendent of Education, has said that about 85% of the students who take today's test pass. He went on to say that graduation rates could drop as much as 20% when Alabama juniors and seniors start taking the new, tougher, exit exam.

Teachers who were test administrators and proctors reported that Zion Chapel students seemed to have put forth their best effort, were very cooperative, and appeared to be trying their best to prevent having to retake parts of the test. Dr. Linda Ingram, ZC principal, said, "The students worked very hard. They were very positive and attentive."

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Seniors Learn Prologue In Old English

An assignment that has plagued seniors through the ages has been to learn the recite the Prologue to "The Canterbury Tales" written by Geoffrey Chaucer in old English. It's that time of year again! The members of both of the senior English classes under the supervision of Mrs. Sonya Shaw have to recite the Prologue. The recitation is required of every senior enrolled in English.

Students are, however, allowed to come by and recite the Prologue to Mrs. Shaw at anytime, as many times as they desire. The highest grade that they make on their recitation will count as a test grade. Student are given until the end of the first nine weeks to memorize and to recite the Prologue.

Below is the Prologue in old English. These are the words that the members of the English class have to learn to pronounce. Below that is a modern English translation of what the words mean.

"Whan that Aprill with his shoures soote
The droghte of March hath perced to the roote
An bathed every veyne in swich licour
Of which vertu engendred is the flour,
Whan Zephirus eek with his sweete breeth
Inspired hath in every holt and heeth
The tendre croppes, and the yonge sonne,
Hath in the Ram his half cours y-ronne,
And smale foweles maken melodye
That slepen al the nyght with open eye,
So priketh hem Nature in hir corages,
Than Longen folk to goon on pilgrymages,
And palmeres fro to seken straunge strondes,
To ferne halwes kouthe in sondry londes."

Here is the Prologue translated into today's English.

"When in April the sweet showers fall
And pierce the drought of March to the root, and all
The veins are bathed in liquor of such power
As brings about the engendering of the flower,
When also Zephyrus (the west wind) his sweet breath
Exhales an air in every grove and heath
Upon the tender shoots, and the young sun
His half-course in the sign of the Ram (Aries) has run,
And the small fowl are making melody
That sleep away the night with open eye
(So nature pricks them and their heart engages)
Then people long to go on pilgrimages
And palmers (pilgrims who visited the holy lands and wore two crossed palms to indicate that they had done so.) long to seek the stranger strands
Of far-off saints, hallowed in sundry lands."

Family Values Studied In Home Ec

Home Ec Students With Posters

Love, education, friends, religion, security, and freedom were typical of the subjects reflected on posters created by members of the Home and Personal Management Class under the supervision of Ms. Joan Hobbs. These eighth graders were studying American values. They were learning about what is important to each of them in reference to good decision making.

Another class, Family Food and Career, drew posters depicting the digestive system. This class of juniors and seniors were learning how food is absorbed and used in the body. One junior said, "An interesting fact that we learned from this study is that the small intestine is 24 ft. long."

Homecoming Dance Set For Oct. 18

The Zion Chapel Seniors will host the annual homecoming dance on Friday October 18. The dance will be held in the gym immediately following the football game. The dance will end at 12 midnight.

Scheduled to deejay the dance will be Five Star Disc Jockeys. The package that has been selected for the dance is designed to produce a more action-packed dance atmosphere. Special effects such as laser lights, sound activated projection lights, computerized audio lighting, strobes, and a fog and bubble machine will enhance the overall effect.

Admission to the homecoming dance will be $4 per person. There will be no discount for couples. All proceeds will be used to finance graduation activities for the senior class. All Zion Chapel High School students and alumni are invited to attend.

Homecoming pictures will be made for those persons who desire to purchase them. The prices of the packages will range from $30 for the A package to $10 for the E package. The B package is $25, the C package $20, and the D package is $15. The photographer from Jim Owen Photographics in Mobile, Alabama, will furnish a homecoming background for the pictures.

Senior sponsors, Mrs. Rachel Bryan, Coach Mark Coale, Coach Doug Branson, and Coach David Collins will be the dance chaperones.

Coffee County Schools Menu
October 14 - 18, 1996

BREAKFAST	LUNCH
Monday - Holiday.	Monday - Holiday.
Tuesday - Cheese Grits, Toast & Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk.	Tuesday - Barbecue or Fish Sandwich, Cole Slaw, Baked Beans, Orange Smiles, Rice, Milk.
Wednesday - Waffles w/ Syrup, Ham Slice, Cereal, Juice, Milk.	Wednesday - Baked Ham or Fried Chicken, Potato Salad, Turnips, Cornbread or Rolls, Banana Pudding, Apples, Milk.
Thursday - Donuts, Cereal, Juice, Milk.	Thursday - Roast Beef Stir Fry w/Rice or Turkey/ Lettuce/Tomato Sandwich, Stewed Squash, Butter Beans, Peach Slices, Cherry Cobbler, Milk.
Friday - French Toast w/Syrup, Cereal, Juice, Milk.	Friday - Hotdogs or Hamburgers, Onion Rings, Corn on Cob, Apples, Rice Crispy Treat, Milk.

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Views from...

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Melanie wanted to go to the Elba-Headland football game Friday night, but after roaming around during the first game of the season she had to promise to sit still, watch the game, and be able to tell me what happened when she got home. Well, I don't know if she really sat still, but she did know the score, could tell me all about the fight and even drew me a diagram showing me how Elba scored one of its touchdowns. If she watches a few more, we may just have a future coach on our hands!

ELBA TIGERS SNAP LOSING STREAK WITH BIG WIN

The Elba Tigers put an end to their five-game losing streak Friday night and did so with a vengeance as they pounded the Headland Rams 44-0 to improve to 1-4 on the season, 1-0 in Class 3A, Area competition. I'd been saying all along the Tigers weren't really as bad as their record would make you think, and even though the losses were disappointments, the Tigers' losses to Charles Henderson, Luverne, Opp and Georgiana weren't exactly losses to weak sisters. Elba proved Friday night that it wasn't an 0-4 football team, and put an exclamation mark at the end of the sentence with the lopsided win over an Area foe!

The Elba offense finally began to show some consistency Friday night and led by the sudden emergence of quarterback Troy Bryan rolled up and down the field against the Ram defense. Bryan had been frustrated in the Tigers opening four games and had been unable to break loose running or passing; however, in the win over Headland the senior signal-caller took charge and looked like the quarterback of a year ago that was a threat every time he took a snap from center. Bryan's return as the leader on offense gave the Tigers a much needed weapon and sparked the offense to the scoring explosion. Another area of improvement Friday night was in the offensive line, which has fought through all the criticism and never once backed down from its opposition. The line was very young and inexperienced at the beginning of the season, but learned its lessons on the field and Friday night showed signs of moving to the top of the class. It was a good night for the offense, and one that Elba fans will simply be the first of many good nights in weeks to come.

The defense has played well all season long, and Friday night turned in another winning performance as it totally shut down the potent Headland offense. The Tigers took away the option from the Rams early in the game and harassed the visitors throughout the contest, making it "No Contest!" The Tiger defense was tired of losing and in the shutout win took command early and never let up. It was one of the best defensive outings in years for the Tigers, and gave Elba fans hope for the rest of the season. The play of defensive-ends Larry Rayborn and Wesley Johnson was steady throughout the game, linebackers Todd McKee and Ronnie Davis were solid, and the out-sized line simply used its quickness to beat Headland to the point of attack. It was an impressive defensive performance.

The most asked question after Friday night's game was "Was Elba really that good, or was Headland that weak?" The answer is a little bit of both. The Tigers did have a very good game on both sides of the ball and when they tasted success they wanted more more, while Headland may have underestimated the Tigers after looking at their 0-4 record and were already knocked on the canvas before it even realized the fight had started. Remember what I said early on - A team is never as bad as one thinks after a loss, and never as good as one thinks after a win. Friday night the Elba Tigers won, and won big. However, it was only one win and can't be overemphasized when Tiger fans look ahead. The Tigers still have a lot of work to do to become a state title contender, and still need the support of all the Tiger fans as the season rolls along. It was fun, but there is still plenty of work left to do.

AREA TEAMS ENJOY MIXED SUCCESS IN WEEK #5

The fifth week of the high school football season has come and gone, and it was a week filled with mixed results for the area teams as the four teams in the area claimed two wins and two losses. Here's a quick look back at the week that was....

***NEW BROCKTON (2-3) got back into the win column with a surprisingly tough 13-6 win over the winless Red Level Tigers. The Gamecocks' usually potent offense made some mistakes that kept it from visiting the endzone throughout the second half, and if not for the Brockton defense, the Gamecocks might have been the Tigers' first victim in almost two years. The Gamecocks proved they could play defense, but have yet to put the whole package together.

***KINSTON (2-3) snapped its three-game losing streak with an impressive 33-21 win over G.W. Long, and Bulldog fans are hopeful that the 'Dogs are finally ready to take charge and make a run at the playoffs. The Bulldogs fell behind twice in the game and could have quit, but never even thought about losing and got stronger and stronger as the game went along to pull out the win. Kinston's power-running game finally made an appearance, and if it will stick around, more wins will be coming real soon.

***ZION CHAPEL (1-4) played hard for all four quarters, but simply couldn't score enough points to win, and lost to Lyman Ward 13-8. The Rebels were expected to pile up the wins when their schedule was released last spring, but two of the "sure" wins over Thorsby and Lyman Ward have turned into losses, and all of the sudden the Rebels appear to be headed for a season to forget. The effort of the players can't be questioned, it is simply one of those years and the only good thing about the season is that it is half over.

***BRANTLEY (2-3) lost for the third straight week, but looked like anything but losers Friday night in their 21-0 setback to the Luverne Tigers. The Bulldogs battled the highly-ranked Tigers to a scoreless 0-0 deadlock until late in the second quarter, and never backed down the entire game despite being outmanned. Brantley has one of the youngest high school teams in the state, starting three seniors, three juniors, three sophomores, one freshman and one eighth-grader, and you know that these 'Dogs will remember the tough times when they gain experience.

ANOTHER EXCITING WEEK OF ACTION AROUND THE STATE

It was another exciting week of high school football action around the state and the local area, and after five weeks, it is beginning to become pretty clear just how good teams really are. Here's a look back at what happened in week #5 in all six classes....

***CLASS 6A - Top-ranked Central, of Tuscaloosa, had its offense slowed down a bit, but the Falcons still soared 38-6 over a very good team from Jess Lanier, while Vigor kept pace and also moved to 5-0 with a 63-0 spanking of Baker. Closer to home, Dothan won the battle, but may have lost the war, as the Tigers defeated Carver 20-14, but lost star running back Wayne Thomas to a broken leg. Enterprise won over designated patsy Selma 41-6, and Jeff Davis got a big 20-14 win over #4 Prattville.

***CLASS 5A - Top-ranked Blount continued to be impressive with a 38-0 win over LeFlore, while Birmingham's Parker remained unbeaten with a 26-0 win over West End. Closer to home, Eufaula improved its record to 5-0 with a 35-6 win over Carroll, and Andalusia continued its climb back toward the top with a solid 35-17 win over Charles Henderson. Greenville dumped Opp 28-14 to move atop the Area standings, and Monroe County had a tough time before edging past Wilcox-Central, 16-12.

***CLASS 4A - The rich only got richer in the 4A ranks as top-ranked Alexandria waxed Litchfield 49-19, #2 T.R. Miller spanked Escambia County 48-7 and #3 W.S. Neal ripped Grand Bay 34-0. Closer to home, Ashford made it look easy with a 42-10 romp past Houston County and Daleville took it on the chin 27-24, in overtime, from Cottonwood.

***CLASS 3A - Top-ranked B.B. Comer had an easy time in whipping Central-Coosa 36-0, while #3 Colbert County suffered its first loss in an 8-7 setback to Deshler and #8 Trinity improved to 5-0 with a solid 10-0 win over Dadeville. Closer to home, Elba got its first win of the season with a big 44-0 romp past Headland and Rehobeth remained winless, but gave a real fight before falling to Geneva County 20-14.

***CLASS 2A - Top-ranked Clay County claimed its fifth straight shutout victory with a 42-0 win over Randolph County, while #3 Georgiana strolled past Goshen 30-14, #4 Luverne eased past Brantley 21-0 and eighth-ranked Tanner rebounded from last week's one-point loss to Hazlewood with a 48-6 win over West Limestone. Closer to home, Wicksburg got its first win with a 14-0 win over Ariton, Slocomb upset Abbeville 14-0 and Louisville got into the win column with a 30-6 romp past lowly Clayton.

***CLASS 1A - Top-ranked Maplesville made it look easy with a 38-6 win over Jemison, while #2 Addison blanked Meek 19-0 and #5 Courtland spanked Mount Hope 40-0. Closer to home, Houston Academy suffered its first loss at the hands of Montgomery Academy 10-0 and Loachapoka stunned Beulah 20-7.

POLISH PROGNOSTICATOR STUMBLES IN WEEK #5 PICKS

Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator slipped a bit last week with nine misses, but came through with 49 correct picks and pushed his yearly totals to 198-41, which is an 83 percent rate of success. He was moaning over the weekend about how it gets harder each and every week to pick the winners, but he did leave his picks for week #6 and here they are....

ELBA VS. GENEVA

The Elba Tigers got win #1 last week and will be fired up Friday night when former-Elba Tiger great Leavy Boutwell brings his Geneva Panthers to town. The Panthers have improved weekly under Boutwell's guidance; however, he knows first-hand how tough the Tigers can be at home, and will get a refresher course Friday night!

ELBA 20 GENEVA 6

FRISCO CITY VS. BRANTLEY

The Brantley Bulldogs battled until the final horn last week in their loss to Luverne, and such an effort this week will no doubt keep them in the hunt this week against the Whippets from Frisco City. Brantley needs a win to keep its playoff hopes alive, and while an upset could be brewing, the guess here is for Frisco City to leave town with a hard-earned win.

FRISCO CITY 14 BRANTLEY 12

STRAUGHN VS. KINSTON

The Kinston Bulldogs flexed their muscles last week in an impressive win over G.W. Long, but will find the going a little tougher this week when the Straughn Tigers come calling. The Bulldogs will have a chance of pulling off the upset if they can control the line of scrimmage; however, Straughn may simply have too much for the 'Dogs to handle.

STRAUGHN 27 KINSTON 14

GOSHEN VS. NEW BROCKTON

The Gamecocks used their defense to lead the way last week in their win over Red Level, and this week face a must-win situation in a key Area match-up against the Goshen Eagles. The Eagles are coming off two straight losses and need a win bad. So, the vote here goes to the Eagles.

GOSHEN 29 NEW BROCKTON 8

OTHER PICKS:

Samson 34 Ariton 0
Gordo 21 Berry 6
Billingsley 27 Dadeville 20
Excel 45 Blacksher 8
A.L. Johnson 26 J. Essex 0
Loachapoka 40 Clayton 0
McKenzie 28 Red Level 8
Maplesville 16 Dallas County 13
Carrollton 20 Millry 0
Al. Christian 22 St. Jude 6
Lyman Ward 20 Spring Garden 18
Calera 40 Isabella 8
Montgomery Ac. 10 Catholic 0
Clay County 28 Winterboro 0
Addison 34 Cold Springs 8
Cottonwood 41 Houston Co. 6
Flomaton 20 J.F. Shields 7
Georgiana 34 Florala 12
Luverne 27 Highland Home 16
G.W. Long 22 Louisville 12
Slocomb 21 Headland 10
Tanner 14 Hatton 8
Rehobeth 14 Wicksburg 13
Aliceville 29 Hatch 0
Briarwood Ch. 24 Vincent 13
Parker 21 Carver 0
Crossville 27 Sardis 6
St. Clair 28 Springville 0
Jackson 28 Sou. Choctaw 7
UMS-Wright 17 Trinity 7
Washington Co. 27 Marengo 12
B.B. Comer 45 West Blocton 0
Ashford 28 Abbeville 7
Erwin 21 Clay-Chalkville 0
Eufaula 31 Ch. Henderson 8
Greenville 21 Hillcrest 7
Auburn 27 Russell County 6
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Blount 27 Rain 0
Citronelle 21 Escambia Co. 0
Prattville 17 Stanhope Elmore 14

Sports

Host 4A Geneva Panthers Friday night

Tigers looking for second straight win

The Elba Tigers will renew one of their former football rivalries Friday night when they close out a four-game homestand against the vastly-improved Geneva Panthers.

The Tigers will bring a 1-4 record into the clash, while Geneva will enter the game with a 2-3 slate.

Elba put an end to its five-game losing streak last week with a convincing 44-0 romp past Headland in a key Area 3 battle, and will be looking to gain momentum for a trip to the 3A playoffs against the 4A Panthers.

"Last week's win was one we needed real bad to get the monkey off our back," stated Elba's Coach David Lowery, "but that win is in the past, and this week we are facing a very solid and well-coached football team in Geneva."

The Panthers, coached by former-Elba football standout Leavy Boutwell, have begun the trip back to football respectability after years of struggling, and will bring a 2-3 mark into Friday night's clash with the Tigers.

Geneva opened the season with a 23-6 loss to 2A Geneva County, but then went on a two-game winning streak with narrow wins over 3A Rehobeth 14-13 and 2A Slocomb 21-20. The Panthers will enter the game on the heels of a two-game losing skid, with losses coming at the hands of 2A Cottonwood 39-7 and 2A Samson 20-6.

"Geneva has made giant strides under Coach Boutwell and is a vastly improved football team from years past," added Lowery. "They are big and physical up front and have some quality backs with excellent speed. On offense they play it pretty close to the vest and try not to make mistakes. They can line up and run over you if you aren't physical and ready to go to war, and we'll have to play really tough up front to control the line of scrimmage."

"On defense they play solid on every down and make you work for every yard," added Lowery. "They are big and strong in the line, have quick linebackers and go to the football. They have given up some points, but it isn't because they don't play hard."

"If we are going to win Friday night we'll have to be ready to play hard on every single down and play our best game on both sides of the football," Lowery added. "On offense we'll need to establish control at the line of scrimmage and be able to run the ball, and at the same time be effective throwing the ball. **We can move the ball when we have a balanced attack, and it will definitely take a balanced attack to win against a team like Geneva.** On defense we'll have to be real physical at the line of scrimmage and be aggressive. Geneva will try to use its size advantage to overpower you, and we'll have to just play hard and try to dominate play up front."

"We know Coach Boutwell will have his players fired up when they get here and that Geneva will play its best game of the season against us," said Coach Lowery. "It will take a maximum effort from everyone on our team to win the game, and while we know it won't be easy, we are confident that if we do play our best we'll be okay."

When asked about last week's 44-0 win over Headland, Coach Lowery stated "It was a big win and it finally got the monkey off our back after suffering through five straight losses. The players were tired of losing, the coaches were tired of losing and our fans were tired of losing. That streak is now over, and from now on out we'll concentrate on getting better each and every week, and we'll try to start a new streak - a winning streak!"

"The offense got good field position for much of the game and took advantage of the field position to put some points on the scoreboard," added Lowery, in his second year at the Elba helm. "Troy Bryan had a big night running the offense and was effective both running and passing, while the blocking was improved and has finally begun to be consistent. The offense had struggled in the first four games, but showed what it could do Friday night and enjoyed a big night. The defense was dominant throughout the game and continued to play winning football. We were able to set the tone of the game on defense, and everyone on the defensive side played hard against a good offensive club."

"It was a much needed win," stated Coach Lowery, "and one that will hopefully get us back on track with a lot of football still left this season."

PREP FOOTBALL PREVIEW

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11

FRISCO CITY (5-0) AT BRANTLEY (2-3)

The Brantley Bulldogs will put their playoff hopes on the line Friday night when they host the undefeated Frisco City Whippets, in a key Class 1A, Area 3 clash. The Bulldogs opened the season with wins over Straughn 21-14 and Red Level 30-8 to give their fans hopes of another trip to the post-season party; however, three straight losses by a combined score of 98-22 have the 'Dogs reeling, and a loss this week will leave Brantley with an 0-2 Area 3 slate, and eliminate the Bulldogs from the playoffs. Frisco City has been one of the surprise teams of the 1A ranks this season in rolling to wins over A.L. Johnson 6-3, J.F. Shields 20-14, Sweet Water 25-23, Florala 33-6 and John Essex 44-14. While the level of competition has not been as tough as that faced by Brantley, the Whippets have been winning, and winning is often contagious. On paper this one looks like another loss for the Bulldogs, but Brantley will be at home and will fight until the final horn to keep their playoff hopes alive!

STRAUGHN (3-2) AT KINSTON (2-3)

The Kinston Bulldogs will continue their tour through the 2A ranks Friday night when they host the Straughn Tigers. Kinston snapped a three-game losing streak last week with an impressive 31-21 win over G.W. Long, and was impressive on both sides of the football. The Bulldog offense dominated the line of scrimmage with its physical line and hard-running backs, and over on defense the 'Dogs pitched a shut-out in the second half. The Kinston team that showed up last week was the team everyone expected when the season began, and its arrival was a welcome sight. Straughn dropped its opening two games to Brantley 21-14 and Baker 35-8, but has bounced back with a vengeance and has upped its record to 3-2 with wins over New Brockton 41-21, Goshen 19-15 and Florala 49-22. The Tigers have put the early losses behind them and are now looking at the playoffs, a goal that certainly appears within their reach. If the real Bulldogs show up this one could be a true football battle. If not, the Tigers could win easily.

GOSHEN (3-2) AT NEW BROCKTON (2-3)

The New Brockton Gamecocks will find their playoff hopes on the line Friday night when they host the Goshen Eagles, in an important Class 2A, Area 4 clash. The Gamecocks snapped a two-game skid last week with a 13-6 win over Red Level, and unlike games past, Brockton won the game the "old fashioned way," with defense. The Gamecocks had given up over 35 points per game during the season, putting pressure on its explosive offense to put points on the scoreboard on every possession. The defensive emergence could take some of the pressure off and add a new dimension to the Brockton attack. Goshen opened the season with wins over Ariton 38-6, Coffeeville 48-13 and Brantley 46-7 to move high in the 2A polls, but just when the Eagles began to think about state titles, losses to Straughn 19-15 and Georgiana 30-14 brought the Eagles crashing back down to earth. This Area 4 clash is important for both teams, and you can bet both squads will hold nothing back in their fight for the playoffs.

ZION CHAPEL (1-4) - OPEN DATE

The Zion Chapel Rebels will get a much needed rest this week as they enjoy an open date before resuming their schedule next week against the Isabella Mustangs.

ESJC VOLLEYBALL TEAM PLACES SECOND....The Enterprise State Junior College volleyball team claimed second place honors in a recent tournament held at Lawson State Community College. ESJC was defeated by Northwest-Shoals in the championship match. Pictured above, from left to right, are (front row) Kenny Hill, manager; Dr. Stafford Thompson, president of ESJC; and Coach Janie Wiggins. (Second row, l-r) Tiffany Lewis, Ozark; Angel Johnson, Kinston; and Crisit Newman, Ozark. (Third row, l-r) Nicki Holley, Wewahitchka, FL.; Alyson Maloy, Kinston; and Misty Martendale, Enterprise. (Top row, l-r) Carla Sullivant, Mobile; Danielle Hyatt, Enterprise; and Ginger Reeves, New Brockton. Not pictured are Katie Kuhn, Theodore; Lisa Missildine, Daleville, and team manager Joey Grogg, Elba.

TRI-COUNTY FOOTBALL LEAGUE SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, OCT.12
OPP AT ELBA
STRAUGHN AT NEW BROCKTON
RED LEVEL AT ANDALUSIA
KINSTON AT FLORALA
BRANTLEY AT ZION CHAPEL

Elba slams Rams 44-0

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

The Elba Tigers took out a season of frustration on the Headland Rams Friday night and made a statement to future opponents as they pounded the Rams 44-0, in Elba.

The win improved Elba's record to 1-4, 1-1 in Area 3 play, while Headland fell to 1-4, 0-1 in Area 3 competition.

Elba failed to move the chains on its first possession of the night, but got the ball right back on a Headland punt, and wasted no time getting into the endzone as Marcus Tillis fielded the Ram punt at the 35-yardline and raced 65 yards for a Tiger touchdown!

A two-point try failed, but with 9:49 left in the first quarter, Elba was on the scoreboard with a 6-0 lead.

Elba's next possession began at its own 11-yardline, and this time the Tigers marched 89 yards in 12 plays to extend their lead to 14-0.

Quarterback Troy Bryan sparked the scoring drive as he gained 29 yards on five carries and hit on two of two passes for 50 yards, with the touchdown coming on a 33-yard toss to Marcus Tillis. Bobby Burks ran in with the two-point conversion, pushing Elba's lead to 14-0 with :09 remaining in the opening stanza.

The Tigers got the ball back at their 42-yardline following a short 20-yard punt, and five plays later were right back in the Headland endzone!

Bobby Burks gained 20 yards on three carries to get the drive started, while D'Undray Peterson capped the quick scoring march with a 33-yard touchdown run. Todd McKee kicked the extra-point, and with 7:00 left in the half the Tigers were on their way with a 21-0 advantage.

A 25-yard Headland punt gave the ball to the Tigers at the Rams 28-yardline midway through the second quarter, and one play later the Elba fans were back on their feet, as D'Undray Peterson bulled 10 yards for another Tiger tally. Todd McKee tacked on the extra-point, as Elba's lead went to 28-0 with 3:52 left in the half.

The Tigers began their next offensive series at the Headland 40-yardline and once again headed goalward, this time covering 40 yards in only two plays.

A 35-yard pass from Troy Bryan to Josh Dawkins was a key play in the drive, which was climaxed when D'Undray Peterson scored on a 5-yard run. McKee's extra-point was true, and with 1:43 still left in the half the Tigers were in complete command with a 35-0 lead.

Elba's Derrick Jones intercepted a Headland pass and returned it 19 yards to the Ram 23-yardline to set the Tiger offense up early in the third quarter, and once again the Tigers wasted little time getting into the endzone.

D'Undray Peterson gained 10 yards on two carries to get the short drive off to a quick start, while Bobby Burks got the touchdown on a 5-yard dash. Todd McKee nailed the extra-point, pushing the Tigers' lead to 42-0 with 8:35 left in the third quarter.

Elba linebacker Ronnie Davis intercepted a Headland pass at the Ram 33-yardline on the ensuing possession to put the Tigers right back in business, but this time the Tigers failed to get in the endzone, as the Rams staged a goalline stand to stop Elba at the two-yardline.

One play later Headland quarterback Jay Lawrence was tackled in the endzone by Garret Boutwell, and with 3:40 still left in the third quarter Elba's lead had ballooned to 44-0 and the Tigers' first win was in the bag!

Elba's Jawaune Hughes recovered a Headland fumble early in the fourth quarter to give the Tigers a chance to add to their lead, but the Tigers gave the ball right back on a fumble at the Ram 43-yardline to kill the opportunity.

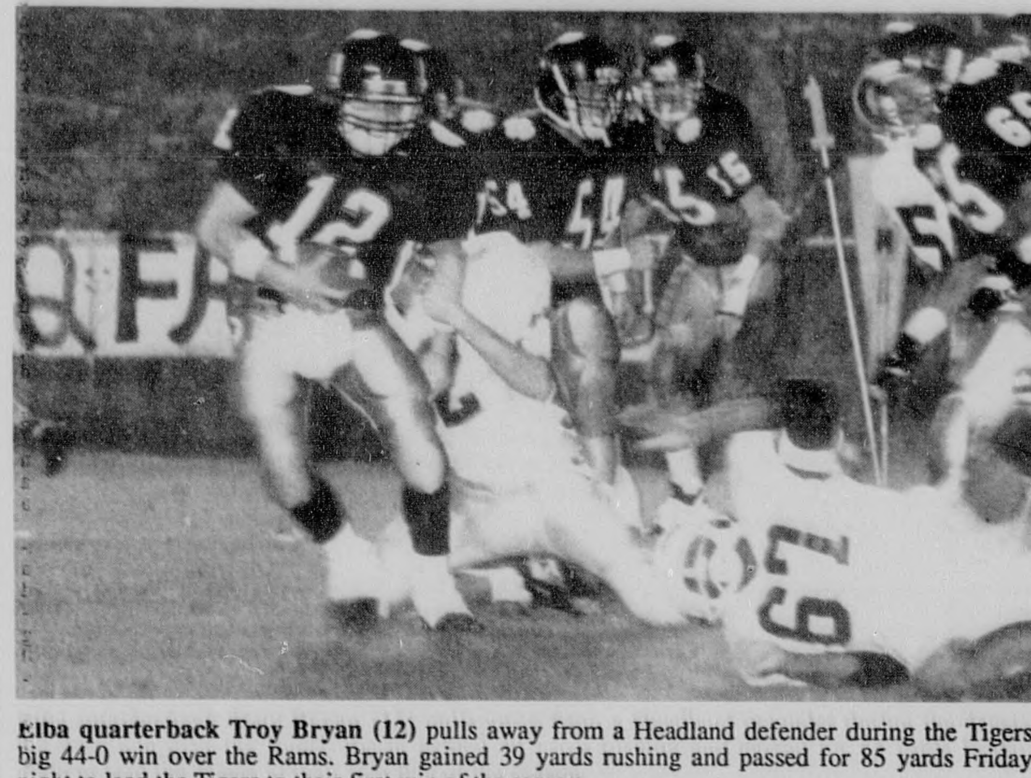
Elba lost a fumble on its next series and turned the ball over on downs on its next possession, as the Tiger reserves got into the act and mopped up the impressive 44-0 win.

D'Undray Peterson gained 79 yards on 9 carries and scored three touchdowns to lead the Elba ground attack, while Troy Bryan added 39 yards on five carries, Alex Daniels gained 34 yards on five carries and Bobby Burks added 31 yards on ten totes.

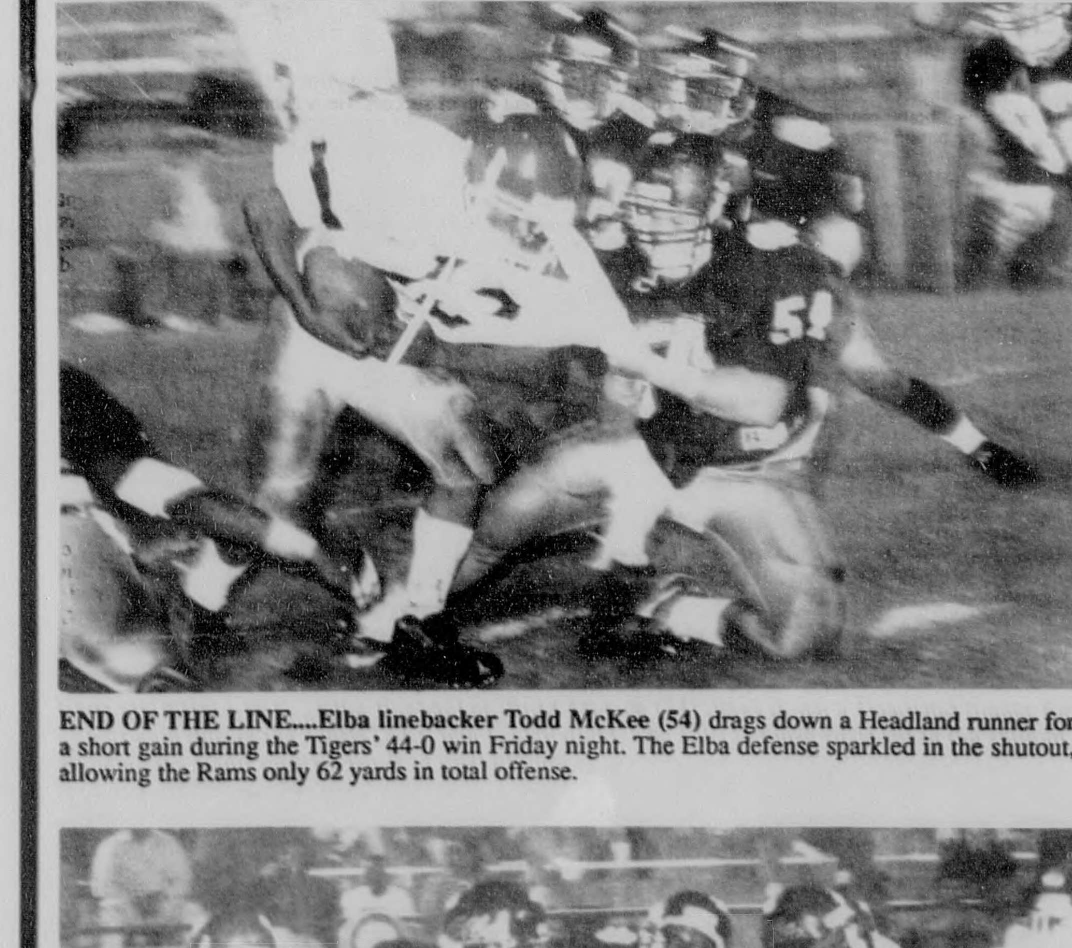
Larry Rayborn and Julian Mitchell both made six solo tackles to pace the Elba defense, while Ronnie Davis had five tackles, one assist and a pass interception.

STATISTICS

E		H
14	1st Downs	3
210	Rushing Yds.	21
85	Passing Yds.	41
295	Total Offense	62
3-5-0	Passes	3-16-2
3/2	Fumbles/Lost	2/1
2-37	Punts-Ave.	5-34
88	Penalty Yds.	79



Elba quarterback Troy Bryan (12) pulls away from a Headland defender during the Tigers big 44-0 win over the Rams. Bryan gained 39 yards rushing and passed for 85 yards Friday night to lead the Tigers to their first win of the season.



END OF THE LINE....Elba linebacker Todd McKee (54) drags down a Headland runner for a short gain during the Tigers' 44-0 win Friday night. The Elba defense sparkled in the shutout, allowing the Rams only 62 yards in total offense.

Elba's Eric Jordan (9) heads outside for a big gain in last week's 44-0 Area 3 win over the Headland Rams. Friday night the Tigers will try for their second straight win when they host the Geneva Panthers.

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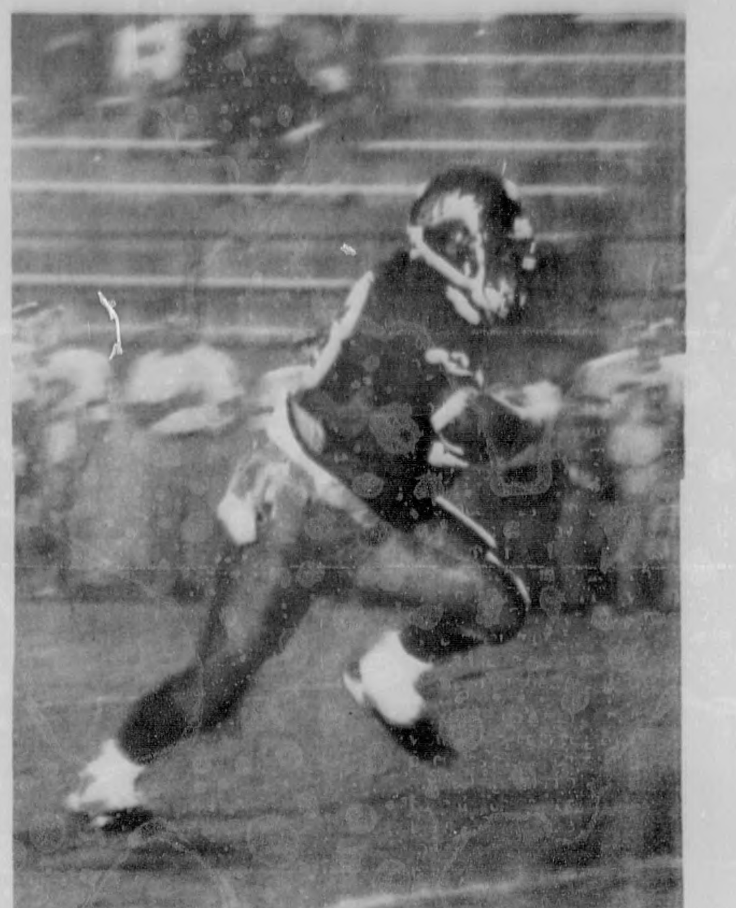
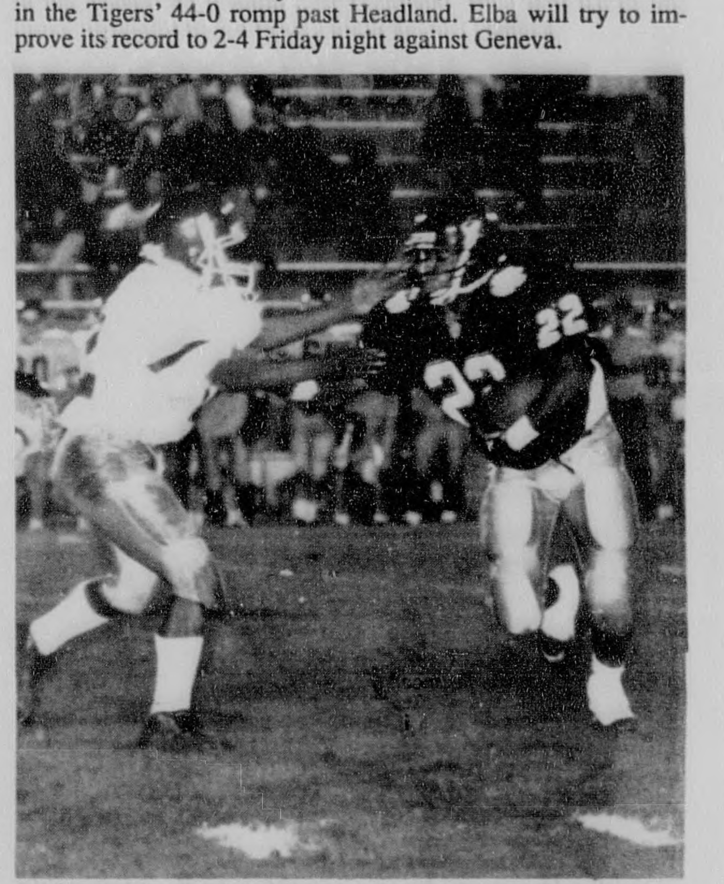


Elba fullback D'Undray Peterson (33) heads for the endzone in the Tigers' 44-0 romp past Headland. Elba will try to improve its record to 2-4 Friday night against Geneva.



Elba's Bobby Burks (22) gives a stiff-arm to a Headland defender as he tries to get outside. Elba upped its Area record to 1-0 Friday night with a 44-0 win over the Rams.

BRANTLEY HOMECOMING QUEEN AND HER COURT....were in attendance Friday night at the Brantley-Luverne football game. Pictured above are (l-r) Football Sweetheart Jessica Stricklin, Football Sweetheart Shakita Wages, Sophomore Attendant Stephanie Levens, **Queen Luann Roberts**, Senior Attendant Erica Burnett, Junior Attendant Jackie Jones and Freshman Attendant Amanda McGinty.

Brantley blanked by Luverne 21-0

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

The youthful Brantley Bulldogs continued their on-the-job training Friday night against the fourth-ranked Luverne Tigers, and battled until the final horn before coming out on the short end of a 21-0 decision, in front of a standing-room-only crowd at Brantley's homecoming.

The loss was the third straight for the Bulldogs and left Brantley with a 2-3 record, while Luverne improved its slate to 5-0 with the win.

Brantley failed to mount an offensive threat on its first possession of the night; however, the Bulldogs brought the home fans to their feet on their second series as they marched to a first down at the Luverne 47-yardline behind the passing of Nathan Nichols to Kelvin Ezell, and the running of Robert Daniels.

The Bulldogs got as close as the Luverne 41, but lost six yards on an errant pitch-out, and saw the drive stall.

The Brantley defense throttled the high-powered Luverne offense for much of the first half, but the Tigers finally got on track late in the second quarter and drove 61 yards in six plays to get on the scoreboard.

A 17-yard pass from Keon Carter to Heath Lowery and a 12-yard scamper by Carter were key plays in the scoring drive, while the score came on a 14-yard dash by Rodney Lowery. Sheanan Samples added the extra-point, and with 2:27 left in the half the Tigers were on top 7-0.

A 36-yard kickoff return by Brantley's Edward Burnett and a 15-yard penalty against Luverne gave the Bulldogs a first down at the Luverne 38-yardline in the closing minute of the stanza, but the Bulldog offense simply couldn't budge the Tiger defense, and at intermission Brantley went in trailing their cross-county rivals 7-0.

Luverne received the second half kickoff and marched 64 yards in eight plays to up its lead to 14-0.

A 38-yard pass from Keon Carter to Buck Jones on third down and two was a key play in the drive, while it was Carter that scored the touchdown on a 7-yard scramble. Samples added the extra-point to give the Tigers a 14-0 advantage with 7:32 left in the third quarter.

Luverne got the ball back at its 44-yardline following a Brantley punt and this time marched 56 yards in only five plays to take a big 21-0 lead.

A 33-yard scamper by Corey Green sparked the scoring march, which was climaxed when Green bolted over from two yards out. Samples tacked on his third extra-point of the night, and with 3:16 still remaining in the third quarter Luverne's lead was up to 21-0.

A pass interception by Brantley's Edward Burnett gave the Bulldogs' offense excellent field-position near midfield early in the fourth quarter, and when Gregory Daniels burst 15-yards up the middle, the Bulldogs had a first down at the Luverne 41-yardline.

A holding penalty backed the Bulldogs up and killed the scoring chance; however, as Brantley saw its final scoring opportunity of the game go by the board.

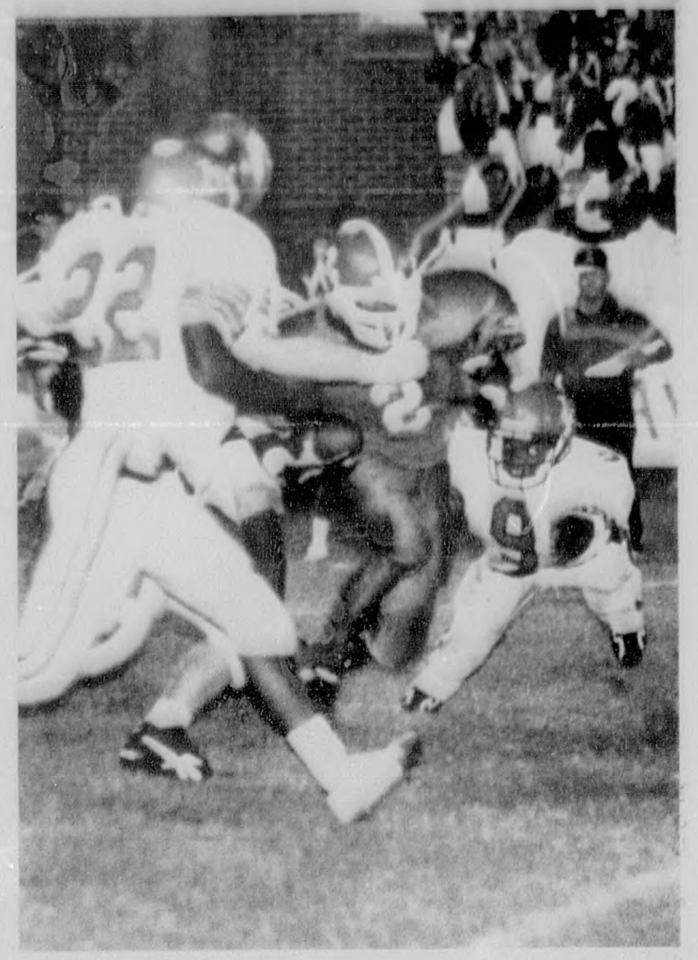
Luverne threatened again in the closing minutes and drove 80 yards in 11 plays to reach a first down at the Brantley 14-yardline, but the Tigers inserted their second unit into the game following the fourth first down of the march, and the Bulldogs stopped Luverne's reserves cold as the game ended with Luverne claiming the 21-0 win.

Freshman tailback Robert Daniels gained 28 yards on 14 carries to lead Brantley, while 8th grade fullback Gregory Daniels added 21 yards on three totes.

Keon Carter gained 124 yards on 18 carries and Corey Green added 112 yards on 12 carries to lead Luverne.

STATISTICS

B		L
4	1st Downs	21
56	Rushing Yds.	349
18	Passing Yds.	55
74	Total Offense	404
2-8-0	Passes	2-8-1
1/0	Fumbles/Lost	1/0
8-40	Punts-Ave.	3-30
25	Penalty Yds.	80



Brantley's Robert Daniels (2) bursts through a hole in the Luverne defense for a first down. The Bulldogs will host Frisco City Friday night in a key 1A Area match-up.

New Brockton defense shines in 13-7 win over Red Level Tigers

Statistics By D'Anthony Brown, Sportswriter

The New Brockton Gamecocks put two early touchdowns on the scoreboard and then turned matters over to their defense Friday night as they posted a 13-7 win over the Red Level Tigers, in New Brockton.

The win improved New Brockton's record to 2-3, while Red Level slipped to 0-5 with the loss.

Red Level lost a fumble on its first possession, but held on to the football on its second series and marched the length of the field to grab an early lead.

Joey Curry hit Kenja Welcher with a 25-yard pass during the drive, and the elusive Tiger quarterback also notched the touchdown on a 42-yard scamper. The extra-point try failed, but with 5:07 left in the first quarter the Tigers were on top 6-0.

The Gamecocks were forced to punt on their ensuing series; however, the Gamecocks got the ball right back on a fumble recovery by Eric McLean, and promptly drove 53 yards in seven plays to take the lead!

A 25-yard pass from Jason Allums to Eric McLean was a key play in the scoring drive, while the score came on a 20-yard dash by Lee Flowers. Sebastian Cormier added the extra-point, and with 9:19 left in the half the Gamecocks moved ahead 7-6.

Red Level failed to move on its next possession, but New Brockton was ready to get back in the endzone, and needed only one play to accomplish its goal as Jerry Haynes sprinted 70 yards to paydirt. The extra-point try failed, but the Gamecocks were on top 13-6 with 6:46 remaining in the half.

Red Level threatened late in the half after a pass interception, only to be stopped by the Gamecock defense and the clock, which reached :00 with New Brockton still clinging to a 13-6 lead.

The Gamecocks' Robert Fleming returned the second half kickoff 40 yards to set New Brockton up at the Red Level 40-yardline, but the Gamecocks failed to cash in on the scoring chance, and carried their slim 13-6 lead into the fourth quarter.

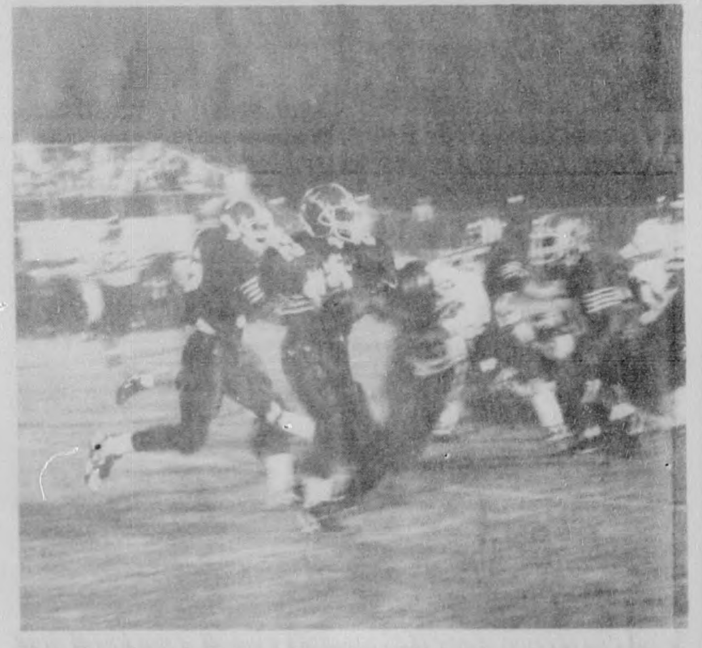
The Tigers threatened to score twice in the fourth quarter behind the running and passing of Joey Curry, but two big quarterback sacks by Jerry Haynes and a pass interception by Lee Flowers helped the Gamecocks hold on late to preserve the 13-6 victory.

Jerry Haynes gained 126 yards on 19 carries to lead New Brockton, while Lee Flowers added 66 yards on 11 carries.

Joey Curry gained 69 yards on 15 carries and passed for 89 yards to lead Red Level.

STATISTICS

NB		RL
8	1st Downs	17
203	Rushing Yds.	221
30	Passing Yds.	89
233	Total Offense	310
2-7-1	Passes	7-14-1



New Brockton's Robert Fleming (22) heads outside and finds room to run during last week's 13-7 win over Red Level.

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New Brockton's Daniel Witmer (65) closes in on the Red Level quarterback during Friday night's 13-7 Gamecock win over the winless Tigers.

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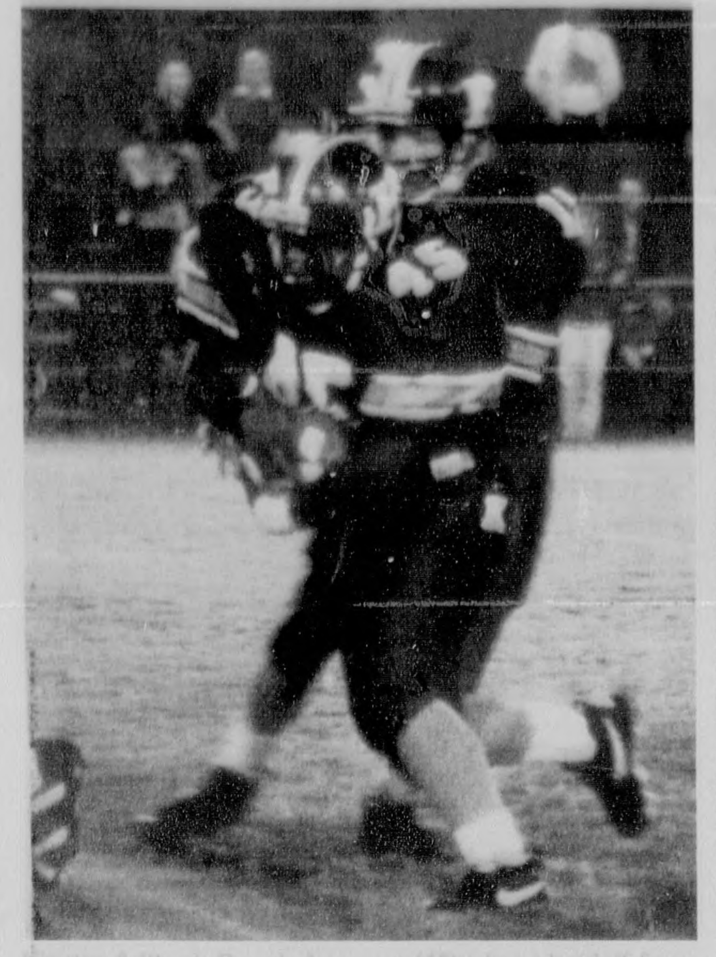


Kinston fullback Ronnie Lowman (45) takes a handoff from quarterback **Jason Williams (11)** and eyes the middle of the G.W. Long defense.

Kinston rally sinks G.W. Long 33-21

By Johnny Wiggins, Sportswriter

The Kinston defense rose to the occasion Friday night as it held the G.W. Long Rebels scoreless in the second half to pave the way for an exciting 33-21 come-from-behind Bulldog victory.

The game started off sloppy for both teams as the Rebels lost fumbles on their first two possessions, and Kinston saw its first series also end with a fumble.

The Bulldogs got their offense in gear on their second possession and covered 35 yards in six plays to grab an early lead.

Ronnie Lowman gained 21 yards on 3 carries to lead the Kinston march, while Fred Edwards ran up the middle for the final nine yards and the touchdown. The extra-point try was wide, but with 8:29 left in the first quarter the Bulldogs were on top 6-0.

G.W. Long got the kinks worked out of its offense on its ensuing series and drove 61 yards in five plays to grab the lead.

Adam Pritchett hit Daniel Walker on a 9-yard scoring pass for the Rebel score, and Bobby Hadden tacked on the extra-point to put Long ahead 7-6 with 5:49 remaining in the stanza.

Neither team could move the chains on their next two possessions, but Kinston took over at the Rebel 49-yardline after a Michael Farris interception, and drove 49 yards in nine plays to regain the lead!

A 34-yard pass from Jason Williams to Ronnie Sansom was a key play in the scoring drive, with the score coming on a 20-yard toss from Williams to Allen Bowdoin. Williams ran over the goalline for the two-point conversion, and with :42 left in the stanza the Bulldogs were back ahead 14-7.

Kinston appeared to be headed back to the endzone on its next possession, but a pass completion to Chancy Lashley turned into a turnover, as Daniel Walker stripped the football away from Lashley and raced 50 yards for a Rebel touchdown. Hadden added the extra-point, and with 11:27 left in the second quarter Long had caught the Bulldogs at 14-14.

Kinston put the ball in play at its 30-yardline to begin its next series, and 10 plays and 70 yards later the Bulldogs were right back in the lead!

Jeremy Osborn had runs of 12 and 33 yards during the five-minute march, while Ronnie Lowman picked up 23 yards on 3 carries and Fred Edwards capped off the drive with a 2-yard plunge. The pass for two fell incomplete, but with 6:08 left in the half the Bulldogs were back ahead 20-14.

Adam Pritchett returned the ensuing kickoff 47 yards to pump life into the Rebels, and G.W. Long quickly marched 36 yards in four plays to take back the lead in the see-saw affair.

Clay Killingsworth went 22 yards to climax the scoring drive, and Bobby Hadden tacked on the extra-point, pushing the Rebels ahead 21-20 with 3:30 still remaining in the wild first half.

G.W. Long's lead did not last long into the second half; however, as on the Bulldogs' second play from scrimmage Allen Bowdoin took a lateral from Adam Osborn and raced 67 yards down the left sidelines for the go-ahead score. A two-point try failed, but with 10:15 left in the third quarter the Bulldogs were ahead for good with a 26-21 advantage.

G.W. Long drove from their 38-yardline to the Kinston 3-yardline on its next possession, but a third down pass was intercepted by Chancy Lashley, and the Bulldogs remained ahead.

Kinston marched to the Long 37-yardline following the turnover and used up over five-minutes of the clock, only to be turned back on downs.

The Bulldogs got the ball back on a Rebel punt, and this time marched 85 yards in 16 plays to extend their lead to 33-21!

The long scoring march took over six and one-half minutes, and was capped when Jeremy Osborn went off tackle for the score. Osborn also tacked on the extra-point, giving Kinston a 33-21 lead with only 2:14 remaining on the clock.

Jeremy Osborn led the Kinston ground attack with 78 yards on 8 carries, while Allen Bowdoin added 67 yards and a touchdown on one carry, and Ronnie Lowman gained 55 yards on 12 totes.

Jason Williams completed five of 10 passes for 94 yards, with Ronnie Sansom pulling in 3 passes for 70 yards.

David Wise sparked the Bulldog defense with 6 solo stops, 2 assists and a fumble recovery, while Chancy Lashley had 5 stops, 4 assists and an interception and Michael Farris chipped in with 3 tackles, 8 assists, two interceptions and two forced fumbles.

STATISTICS

K		L
14	1st Downs	8
281	Rushing Yds.	113
94	Passing Yds.	68
375	Total Offense	181
5-10-1	Passes	4-11-3
4	Fumbles Lost	3
73	Return Yds.	104
54	Penalty Yds.	25

Kinston quarterback Jason Williams (11) keeps an eye on the defense as he heads down the line on an option. Halfback **Chancy Lashley (32)** waits for a possible pitch-out. The Bulldogs will be at home again this week against the Straughn Tigers.

Zion Chapel falls short in 13-8 loss to Lyman Ward

By Cade Shiver, Sportswriter

The Rebels of Zion Chapel played host to the Fighting Rangers of Lyman Ward Friday night in a battle that lasted until the final horn, and when the horn sounded, a Zion Chapel comeback attempt had fallen short as Lyman Ward left with a 13-8 victory.

Lyman Ward received the opening kickoff and promptly began a long 11-play drive that covered 65 yards and ate up over six minutes of the clock. Royal Clackum climaxed the drive with a short touchdown run, and with 5:38 left in the first quarter the Rangers had drawn first blood and were on top 7-0.

Zion Chapel showed offensive life of its own on the ensuing possession as the Rebels drove to the Lyman Ward 33-yardline behind the running of Tim Alcuri. An incomplete pass on the eighth play of the drive killed the early threat; however, and the Rebels remained behind 7-0 at the end of one quarter of action.

Lyman Ward recovered a Rebel fumble at the Zion Chapel 29-yardline midway through the second quarter and the Rangers responded with a nine-play drive to increase their lead to 13-0.

Lyman Ward converted on two fourth down gambles during the short scoring drive, and got back into the endzone on a one-yard plunge by Caleb Umstead. The extra-point try failed, but with 5:25 left in the half the Rangers were in command with a 13-0 lead.

Zion Chapel coughed up the football on the ensuing kickoff to put the Rangers back in business at the Rebel 27-yardline, but this time the Rebels defense was up to the task, and turned the ball back over to the ZC offense at its own 20-yardline.

Three plays netted two first downs as the Rebels seemed determined to get back in the ballgame, and on the fourth play of the possession the Rebels did just that, as Tim Alcuri fought off a tackle at the line of scrimmage and raced 53 yards for a Zion Chapel touchdown!

Shawn Smart pulled in a two-point pass, and the Rebels were within 13-8 late in the half.

Lyman Ward answered the Rebel score with a drive to the Zion Chapel 8-yardline, but time ran out and at the half the Rangers were still holding on to a 13-8 advantage.

Lyman Ward again threatened midway through the third quarter and reached a first down at the Rebels' 12-yardline, only to once again be turned back by the aggressive ZC defense.

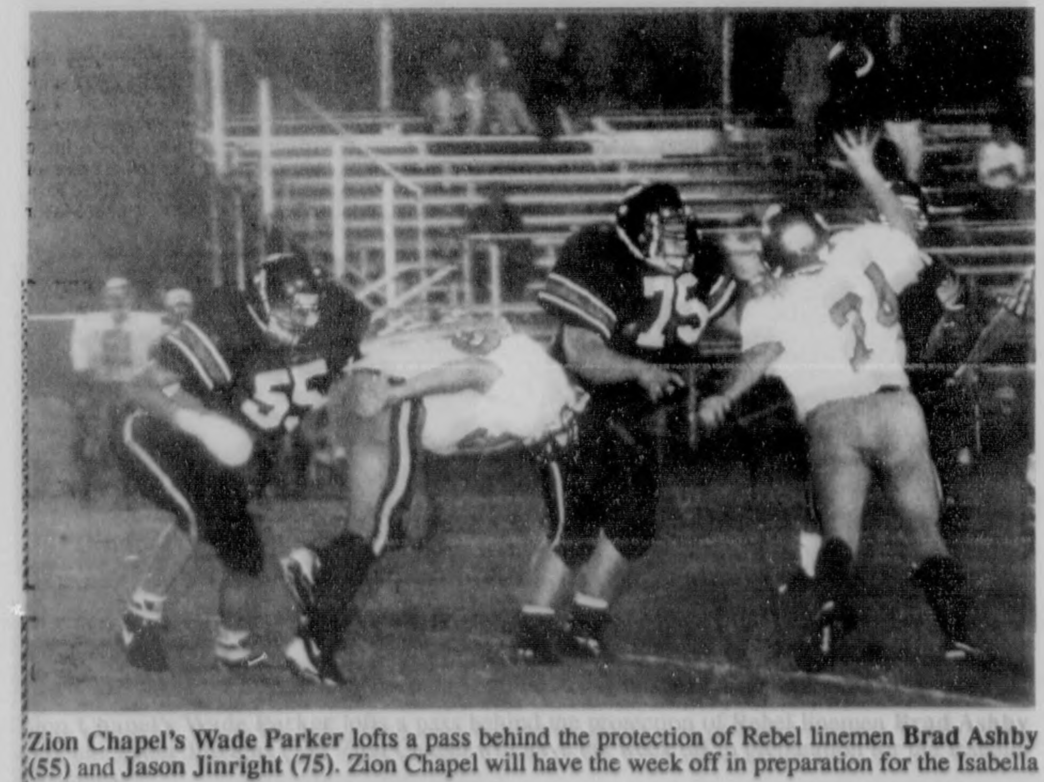
The Rebel defensive stand was climaxed when Billy Kelley stripped the football away from a Ranger runner, and the big defensive play kept the Rebels within striking distance.

Zion Chapel had one final chance to pull out the win late in the game, but failed to reach the endzone, and Lyman Ward held on to claim its first win of the season.

Tim Alcuri gained 117 yards on 18 carries and scored a touchdown to lead Zion Chapel.

STATISTICS

ZC		LW
8	1st Downs	14
161	Rushing Yds.	219
14	Passing Yds.	45
175	Total Offense	264
2-7-0	Passes	4-8-0
3/2	Fumbles/Lost	2/1
5	Penalty Yds.	40



Zion Chapel's Wade Parker lofts a pass behind the protection of Rebel linemen Brad Ashby (55) and Jason Jinright (75). Zion Chapel will have the week off in preparation for the Isabella Mustangs.

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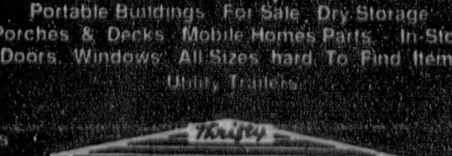

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AUCTIONS

ABSOLUTE AUCTION - Bachmuth Horse Farms - 7 +/- miles from Cullman, AL on County Roads 730 and 758 - 100 +/- acres, homes, showbarn, tractor, truck, offered in parcels and combinations and as an entirety. October 19, 10 a.m. Brochure 1-800-996-2877 / (205) 870-7883. Jack F. Granger #873 Granger, Thagard & Associates, Inc.

AUCTION - 2 houses and 80 +/- acres offered in parcels and combinations - 8641 Hwy 49, Franklin Co., Alabama, near Frankfort - 15 minutes from Russellville and Shoals area. Land, farm equipment, trucks sell absolute. October 22, 10 a.m. - real estate 1 p.m. 1-800-996-2877 or (205) 760-0976. Brochure - Granger, Thagard & Associates, Jack F. Granger #873, Wilson Properties, Inc.

AUCTION - 2,659 +/- sq. ft. home and 95 acres, 3155 Cook Springs Road, near Pell City, AL. Offered in parcels and combinations and as an entirety. Saturday, Oct. 12 - 10 a.m. Brochure 1-800-996-2877 / (205) 870-7883. Granger, Thagard & Associates, Inc. Jack F. Granger, #873.

AUCTION - ABSOLUTE. 200+ used and salvage cars. Thursday, Oct. 10, 9:30 a.m. Parts, cars, impounded, salvage, fixer uppers. 4709 1st Ave. N., Birmingham, AL. Pearce & Associates. Col. Chip Pearce, AL #1088. (205) 669-1906.

AUCTION - ABSOLUTE Triangle Construction Company. Complete liquidation - Thursday, Oct. 17, 10:07 a.m. 1412 50th St. N., Birmingham, AL. Pettibone TK 60-30 ton crane (nice), CAT 14000 lb. forklift, 1986 Ford Dually, trucks, trailers, welders, etc. Pearce & Associates. Col. Chip Pearce, AL #1088. (205) 669-1906.

AUCTION - Oct. 12 - Bud's Welding and Fabricating Shop, Enterprise, AL, welding equipment, tools, autos, trucks and office equipment. Earl Montgomery Auctions, AL #415. (334) 738-3053.

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The Southeast Alabama Horse Association will sponsor an Open Horse Show at the New Brockton Farm Center on Saturday, October 26, at 2:00 p.m. There will be gaited horse events, western horse events, and timed horse events.

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STATE OF ALABAMA
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, the Alabama Legislature at its Regular Session of 1996 ordered an election to be held on a certain proposed amendment to the Constitution of Alabama, set out here as Act No. 96-569; and further ordered that such election be held in accordance with the general election laws of this state; and

WHEREAS, the State General Election is scheduled for November 5, 1996; and

WHEREAS, notice of this election, together with this proposed amendment, is required by law and by the provisions of Act No. 96-569 to be given by Proclamation of the Governor, to be published once a week for four successive weeks next preceding the date appointed for the election, in the newspapers of every county in the state.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Fob James, Jr., as Governor of the State of Alabama, do hereby give notice, direct, and proclaim that on Tuesday, November 5, 1996, an election will be held in the manner and form provided by law upon the following proposed amendment to the Constitution of 1901 of the State of Alabama:

"Alabama Law
Regular Session, 1996
Act. No. 96-569 H. 359-Reps. Willis, Clark (J), Hammett, Carter, Dukes, Newton (C), Page, Laird, Turnham, Ford, Fuller, Burke, Box, Morrison, Venable, Collins, Reed, Millican, Carothers, Johnson (R), Knight (J), McClammy, Dolbare, Black (L), Hayden, Vance, Newton (D), Guin, Bandy, Drake, Starkey, Hall (A), Robinson, Spratt, Hall (L), Maull, McAdory, Minnifield, Hawk, McDaniel, Murphree, Graham, Smith, Parker (P), Galliher, Gipson, Johnson (E), Houston, Melton, Holmes, Mitchell, Buskey, Rogers (J), Hinshaw, Hilliard, Boyd, Clark (W), Jackson, Layson, Baker, Thomas (J), Hamilton, Perdue, Kennedy, Lindsey, Hogan, Warren, White, Parker (T), Black (M), Morrow

ENROLLED, AN ACT,

To propose an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to guarantee the right to hunt and fish in this state in accordance with law and regulations and to designate the amendment as the 'Sportsperson's Bill of Rights.'

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of Alabama:

Section 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, is proposed and shall become valid as a part thereof when approved by a majority of the qualified electors voting thereon and in accordance with Sections 284, 285, and 287 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended:

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

(a) All persons shall have the right to hunt and fish in this state in accordance with law and regulations.

(b) This amendment shall be known as the 'Sportsperson's Bill of Rights.'

Section 2. An election upon the proposed amendment shall be held in accordance with Sections 284 and 285 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, and the general election laws of this state.

Section 3. The appropriate election official shall assign a ballot number for the proposed constitutional amendment on the election ballot and shall set forth the following description of the substance or subject matter of the proposed constitutional amendment:

'Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to guarantee the right to hunt and fish in this state in accordance with law and regulations, the 'Sportsperson's Bill of Rights.'

Proposed by Act 96-569'

This description shall be followed by the following language:

'Yes ( ) No ( ).'

Seth Hammett
Speaker of the House of Representatives
Pro Tem
Don Siegelman
President and Presiding Officer of the Senate
House of Representatives

I hereby certify that the within Act originated in and was passed by the House March 7, 1996, as amended. Amended and Passed Senate, May 9, 1996. Concurred in Senate Amendment House, May 20, 1996.

GREG PAPPAS
Clerk of the House"

I further direct and proclaim that notice of this election to be held on Tuesday, the 5th day of November, 1996, upon the above set forth proposed amendment to the Constitution of 1901 of the State of Alabama be given by publishing the same once a week for four successive weeks next preceding Tuesday, the 5th day of November, 1996, in the newspapers of every county in the state.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Alabama to be affixed by the Secretary of State at the State Capitol in the City of Montgomery on this 1st day of August, 1996.

FOB JAMES, JR.
GOVERNOR
ATTEST:
JIM BENNETT
SECRETARY OF STATE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

IN RE: THE MARRIAGE OF THOMAS HOMER CARTER AND DONNA KAY CARTER HUSBAND AND WIFE

CASE NO. DR-96-65

NOTICE TO DONNA KAY CARTER

NOTICE OF DIVORCE ACTION

Donna Kay Carter, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer Thomas Homer Carter's Petition for Divorce and other relief by November 1, 1996, or, thereafter, a judgment by default may be rendered against her in case number DR-96-65, Circuit Court of Coffee County, Elba Division.

Done the 19th day of September, 1996.

/s/Jim Ellis
Jim Ellis
Clerk of the Court
Coffee County, Elba Division

Marty W. Marler
Attorney for Thomas Homer Carter
348 Simmons Street
Elba, AL 36323
334/897-6161
9-26, 10-3,10, 17-chg

STATE OF ALABAMA
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, the Alabama Legislature at its Regular Session of 1996 ordered an election to be held on a certain proposed amendment to the Constitution of Alabama, set out here as Act No. 96-586; and further ordered that such election be held in accordance with the general election laws of this state; and

WHEREAS, the State General Election is scheduled for November 5, 1996, and

WHEREAS, notice of this election, together with this proposed amendment, is required by law and by the provisions of Act No. 96-586 to be given by Proclamation of the Governor, to be published once a week for four successive weeks next preceding the date appointed for the election, in the newspapers of every county in the state.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Fob James, Jr., as Governor of the State of Alabama, do hereby give notice, direct, and proclaim that on Tuesday, November 5, 1996, an election will be held in the manner and form provided by law upon the following proposed amendment to the Constitution of 1901 of the State of Alabama:

"Alabama Law
Regular Session, 1996
Act. No. 96-586 S. 222-By: Senator Poole
ENROLLED, AN ACT,

To propose an amendment to Article XIV, Section 8, as amended by Amendment No. 37 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, to remove the prohibition against pleading guilty within 15 days of an information in a non-capital felony case.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of Alabama:

Section 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, is proposed and shall become valid as a part thereof when approved by a majority of the qualified electors voting thereon and in accordance with Sections 284, 285, and 287 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended:

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Article XIV, Section 8, as amended by Amendment 37 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, is amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 8. No person shall for any indictable offense be proceeded against criminally by information, except in cases arising in the militia and volunteer forces when in actual service, or when assembled under arms as a military organization, or, by leave of the court, for misfeasance, misdemeanor, extortion, and oppression in office, otherwise than is provided in the Constitution. In cases of misdemeanor, the legislature may by law dispense with a grand jury and authorize prosecutions and proceedings before any inferior courts as may be by law established. In all felony cases, except those punishable by capital punishment, the legislature may by law dispense with a grand jury and authorize prosecutions and proceedings in any manner as may be provided by law if the defendant, after having had the advice of counsel of his or her choice or in the event he or she is unable to employ counsel, the advice of counsel which shall be appointed by the court, makes known in open court to a judge of a court having jurisdiction of the offense that he or she desires to plead guilty.'

Section 2. An election upon the proposed amendment shall be held in accordance with Sections 284 and 285 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, and the general election laws of this state.

Section 3. The appropriate election official shall assign a ballot number for the proposed constitutional amendment on the election ballot and shall set forth the following description of the substance or subject matter of the proposed constitutional amendment:

'Proposing an amendment of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to remove the prohibition on guilty pleas to an information in non-capital felony cases within 15 days of arrest.

Proposed by Act 96-586'

This description shall be followed by the following language:

'Yes ( ) No ( ).'

Don Siegelman
President and Presiding Officer of the Senate
James S. Clark
Speaker of the House of Representatives
S. 222
Senate 5-8-96

I hereby certify that the within Act originated in and passed the Senate.

MCDOWELL LEE
Secretary of Senate

House of Representatives
Passed 5-20-96

By: Senator Poole"

I further direct and proclaim that notice of this election to be held on Tuesday, the 5th day of November, 1996, upon the above set forth proposed amendment to the Constitution of 1901 of the State of Alabama be given by publishing the same once a week for four successive weeks next preceding Tuesday, the 5th day of November, 1996, in the newspapers of every county in the state.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Alabama to be affixed by the Secretary of State at the State Capitol in the City of Montgomery on this 1st day of August, 1996.

FOB JAMES, JR.
GOVERNOR
ATTEST:
JIM BENNETT
SECRETARY OF STATE

LEGAL NOTICE

The City of Elba Zoning Board of Adjustments will hold a public meeting on Thursday, October 3, 1996, at 6:00 p.m. in the Elba City Hall to hear a request from O'Pierre and Mary MaGee Lee to place a restaurant in a building zoned R-3 under appeal on property belonging to them. The properties are located at the corner of Davis and Moore Streets and Davis and Adkinson Streets. The properties are described as follows:

A lot in the SE 1/4 of SW 1/4 described as follows: Beginning at NW corner of Davis and Moore Streets and run W 100' then N 150' then E 100' then S 150' to POB. Lot, resident and garage.

Beginning at NE right of way of the intersection of Davis and Adkinson Streets N 130' (S) E 100' S 150' (S) W 70' (S) NWLY 40' to POB.

Further description is available upon request at Elba City Hall.

9-26, 10-3-chg

STATE OF ALABAMA
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, the Alabama Legislature at its Regular Session of 1996 ordered an election to be held on a certain proposed amendment to the Constitution of Alabama, set out here as Act No. 96-378; and further ordered that such election be held in accordance with the general election laws of this state; and

WHEREAS, the State General Election is scheduled for November 5, 1996; and

WHEREAS, notice of this election, together with this proposed amendment, is required by law and by the provisions of Act No. 96-378 to be given by Proclamation of the Governor, to be published once a week for four successive weeks next preceding the date appointed for the election, in the newspapers of every county in the state.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Fob James, Jr., as Governor of the State of Alabama, do hereby give notice, direct, and proclaim that on Tuesday, November 5, 1996, an election will be held in the manner and form provided by law upon the following proposed amendment to the Constitution of 1901 of the State of Alabama:

"Alabama Law
Regular Session, 1996
Act. No. 96-378 H. 429-Rep. Dukes
ENROLLED, AN ACT,

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901; relating to legalizing certain operations of bingo games for prizes or money for charitable or educational purposes in and the Cities of Hartselle and Falkville and that area of the City of Decatur located within the boundaries of Morgan County.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of Alabama:

Section 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, is proposed and shall become valid as a part of the Constitution when all requirements of this act are fulfilled:

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

(a) The operation of bingo games for prizes or money by nonprofit organizations for charitable, educational, or other lawful purposes shall be legal only within the boundaries of the Cities of Hartselle and Falkville and that area of the City of Decatur located within the boundaries of Morgan County, subject to any resolution or ordinance by the governing bodies of the respective cities and towns, within their respective jurisdictions. The governing bodies may promulgate rules and regulations for the licensing and operation of bingo games, within their respective jurisdictions. The governing bodies shall insure compliance pursuant to any ordinance and the following:

(1) No person under the age of 19 years shall be permitted to play any game or games of bingo, nor shall any person under the age of 19 years be permitted to conduct or assist in the operation of any game of bingo.

(2) No bingo license shall be issued to any nonprofit organization, unless the organization shall have been in existence for at least three years in the county immediately prior to the issuance of the permit or license.

(3) Bingo games shall be operated only on the premises owned or leased by the nonprofit organization operating the bingo game. If the premises are leased, the rate of rental shall not be based on a percentage of receipts or profits resulting from the operation of bingo games.

(4) No nonprofit organization shall enter into any contract with any individual, firm, association, or corporation to have the individual or entity operate bingo games or concessions on behalf of the nonprofit organization. No nonprofit organization shall pay consulting fees to any individual or entity for any services performed in relation to the operation or conduct of a bingo game.

(5) A nonprofit organization shall not lend its name or allow its identity to be used by any other person or entity in the operating or advertising of a bingo game in which the nonprofit organization is not directly and solely operating the bingo game.

(6) Prizes given by any nonprofit organization for the playing of bingo games shall not exceed the cash amount or gifts of equivalent value set by the Legislature during any bingo session during any calendar week.

(7) No person or organization, by whatever name or composition thereof, shall take any expense for the operation of a bingo game except as permitted by law.

(b) The Legislature may, by local legislation, provide for the implementation of this amendment, including, but not limited to, the imposition of criminal penalties for violations of this amendment or the local legislation.

(c) The Legislature, may by local law, provide for the operation of bingo games for prizes or money by nonprofit organizations for charitable, educational, or other lawful purposes within any other city located within the boundaries of Morgan County pursuant to subsection (a) of Section 1 of this constitutional amendment.

Section 2. An election upon the proposed amendment shall be held in accordance with Amendment 555 to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, and the general election laws of this state.

Section 3. The appropriate election official shall assign a ballot number for the proposed constitutional amendment on the election ballot and shall set forth the following description of the substance or subject matter of the proposed constitutional amendment:

'Relating to Morgan County, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, authorizing the governing bodies of the respective Cities of Hartselle, Falkville, and Decatur to provide for bingo operations for profit within their respective jurisdictions in the county; and providing that the Legislature, by local law, may authorize bingo operations in any other city located within the boundaries of Morgan County.

Proposed by Act 96-378'

This description shall be followed by the following language:

'Yes ( ) No ( ).'

James S. Clark
Speaker of the House of Representatives
Don Siegelman
President and Presiding Officer of the Senate
House of Representatives

I hereby certify that the within Act originated in and was passed by the House March 5, 1996. Passed Senate, May 2, 1996.

GREG PAPPAS
Clerk of the House"

I further direct and proclaim that notice of this election to be held on Tuesday, the 5th day of November, 1996, upon the above set forth proposed amendment to the Constitution of 1901 of the State of Alabama be given by publishing the same once a week for four successive weeks next preceding Tuesday, the 5th day of November, 1996, in the newspapers of every county in the state.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Alabama to be affixed by the Secretary of State at the State Capitol in the City of Montgomery on this 1st day of August, 1996.

FOB JAMES, JR.
GOVERNOR
ATTEST:
JIM BENNETT
SECRETARY OF STATE

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

SITE GRADING FOR A VEHICLE MAINTENANCE FACILITY AND BALL FIELD ON THE ELBA EDUCATION COMPLEX ELBA, ALABAMA FOR THE ELBA CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION ELBA, ALABAMA

PROJECT NO 96-113

Sealed proposals, in duplicate, will be received for a Vehicle Maintenance Facility and Ball Field on the Elba Education Complex, Elba, Alabama, for the Elba City Board of Education by Mr. Charles L. Pearce, Superintendent at the office of Elba City Board of Education, Elba, Alabama, until 4:00 PM, Thursday, October 17, 1996 and then opened and read aloud.

Plans, Specifications and Contract Documents are open to public inspection at the offices of the Architect and Owner.

Bids must be submitted on proposal forms furnished by the Architect or copies thereof. No bid may be withdrawn after scheduled closing for receipt of bids for a period of sixty (60) days. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive informalities.

A certified check or Bid Bond payable to the Elba City Board of Education in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the amount of the bid, but in no event more than $10,000 must accompany the bidder's proposal.

Plans to be issued at no charge to Contractors.

In accordance with Alabama Law (Regular Session 1984) Act No. 84-228, Nonresident bidders must accompany any written bid documents with a written opinion of an attorney at law licensed to practice law in such nonresident bidders' state of domicile, as to the preferences, if any or none, granted by the law of the state of its own business entities whose principal places of business are in that state.

SCOPE OF WORK; Generally, the work consists of the following: Site Grading for a vehicle maintenance facility and ballfield.

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Mr. Charles L. Pearce, Superintendent
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Jules Thornton
McKee and Associates
Architecture and Interior Design
631 South Hull
Montgomery, Alabama 36104
(334) 834-9933

Oct 3, 10-chg

LEGAL NOTICE

The Elba Board of Zoning Adjustments will hold a public hearing on Thursday, October 10, 1996, at 6:00 p.m. at the Elba City Hall to hear a request from Lewie Tom and Annie L. Sexton to place a trailer on property belonging to them located at 1259 Ann Street. The property is describes as follows:

PARCEL NO. 1: A lot or parcel of land in the City of Elba, Alabama, described as follows: "Commencing at a point 50 feet South 31° and 24' West of the Southwest corner of Lot #7 of Payne Subdivision according to plat of same as recorded in the Probate Records of Coffee County, Alabama, at Elba, Alabama, and running thence South 31° and 24' West 125 feet; thence easterly parallel to Ann Street 100 feet; thence North 31° and 24' East 125 feet to Ann Street; thence westerly along Ann Street 100 feet to the point of beginning. Said land lying and being in the SW 1/4 of NE 1/4 of Section 18, Township 5 North, Range 20 East, Coffee County, Alabama."

PARCEL NO. 2: One lot or parcel of land in the City of Elba, Alabama, described as follows: "Commencing at the Southwest corner of Lot No. 7 of Payne Subdivision according to plat of same as recorded in the Probate Records of Coffee County, Alabama, at Elba, Alabama, and running thence South 31° 24' West a distance of 50 feet to the South margin of Ann Street; and thence running along the South margin of Ann Street South 58° 36' East 100 feet to the point of beginning of the parcel herein conveyed (said point of beginning being the Northeast corner of Parcel No. 1, above); thence from said point of beginning South 31° 24' West 150 feet to a point; thence South 58° 36' East 100 feet to a point; thence North 31° 24' East 150 feet to a point on the South margin of Ann Street; thence North 58° 36' West 100 feet along the South margin of Ann Street to the point of beginning. Said parcel of land being 100 feet across the front facing Ann Street and running back 150 feet."

Oct 3, 10-chg

LEGAL NOTICE

I, DONALD A. BOWERS, will not be responsible for any debts other than those made by me personally.

/s/ DONALD A. BOWERS
10-10, 17,24, & 31-tp

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF GRACE G. SHIVER, DECEASED.
CASE NO. PC 96-68

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 17th day of September, 1996, by the Honorable William O. Gammill Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ John Winston Shiver
Personal Representative
Sept 26, Oct 3,10, chg.

Gospel Sing to be held at Shiloh Baptist Church

A gospel singing will be held Sunday, October 19, 1996 beginning at 5:00 p.m. at Shiloh Baptist Church. The featured singers will be the Gospel 4.

NBTC (Continued from Page One)

Mayor Lee stated that at this time, all employees will be carried for the next 30 days in temporary positions until the needs of the city can be studied. After that time they will be reviewed and adjusted as is felt necessary.

The council approved the minutes of the previous council's meeting held on September 9 and approved payment of bills totaling $3,950.98. They also approved payment of $800 as the first installment on the town's municipal insurance.

City Clerk Linda Dillow noted that each department will be expected to pay their prorated share of the cost of the town's insurance premium.

Police Chief Charles Driggers reported that his department, during the past month, had made six criminal arrests, answered fifteen complaints, issued twenty traffic citations and investigated two automobile accidents with no injuries.

He noted that the fire department had responded to three fires and the rescue squad had made fifteen runs.

Attorney Stan Walker, representing the town's attorney, Joe Sawyer, reported that negotiations were continuing on the franchise agreements with the Southeast Alabama Gas District and Covington Electric.

He also commented that he and Mr. Sawyer were planning to attend the communications bill seminar in Gulf Shores, AL.

Before adjourning the meeting, Mayor Lee encouraged those attending the first meeting of the new council to continue to do so each month.

"We want your input...if we're not doing something good come tell us. If we're doing something good tell us also," said Lee.

The mayor's sentiments were echoed by the remainder of the council.

Other items of business acted on by the council were as follows:

***The Peoples Bank in New Brockton was approved as the depository for municipal funds.

***Acknowledged that the wage and hour law had increased the minimum hourly wage to $4.75 on October 1. The city clerk noted that only one city employee was affected.

***Approved a 15 day grace period (prior to penalties) to all vendors purchasing license to compensate compliance with the town's ordinances effective October 10, 1996.

***Approved payment of registration and travel expense for newly elected officials who attended a seminar in Montgomery.

***Officially set Thursday, October 31, as the date for Halloween trick-or-treat. The hours are to be from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m.

***Motion was made, as a matter of record, that all employees' time and pay revert back to what it was before cost saving measures were taken by the previous administration three months ago. The motion was approved unanimously.

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the city council give the city council voting control of the Board and it's financial decisions. Carpenter was serving on the W & E Board during the past administration. Other members of the board serving normal five year terms are Tim Johnson (who was serving as chairman) and Ellen Lowery.

John W. Sharpless was re-appointed to the Southeast Alabama Gas District Board. He serves with representatives from 14 other municipalities and is presently the sitting President of the municipal owned gas distributor.

The council accepted the recommendation of Mayor Grimes and changed the city auditors to Barr, Brunson, Wilkerson and Bowden. this firm had done the work for the City of Elba until a change was made four years ago.

Both local banks were named to continue as the city depositories for municipal funds.

A resolution was approved "Providing that all administrative officers and departments heads of the municipality shall continue in their respective duties temporarily up to a six month period until an evaluation of personnel can be done on each department."

That motion covered all departments, but since the street department superintendent is a position which the state constitution spells out for the new administration to formally vote on every four years, this preserves Billy Meeks' job for at least the time being.

The ciuncil will meet on 2nd and 4th Mondays at 6 P.M.

ELBA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL is proud to recognize these students who have already reached the milestone of earning 25 points each in the Accelerated Reader program. Each of them receives a free ballgame pass or homework pass and their picture in *The Elba Clipper*. Pictured left to right are Sheena Flowers, Chris Byfield, and Billy Gibson.

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Political Forum to be held in Enterprise October 15th

The Enterprise Branch of the American Association of University Women is sponsoring a political forum for local Democratic, Republican, and Independent candidates on Tuesday, October 15, 1996. The forum will be held in the ESJC Multi-purpose Room from 7:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. Candidates for the offices of county commissioner, revenue commissioner, board of education, as well as U.S. Congress will be speaking on various issues.

The forum is open to the public and is being offered as a community service by the Enterprise Branch of AAUW.

Robyn Rhoades

Robyn Rhoades selected as Ag Ambassador

Robyn Rhoades of Elba, a junior animal and dairy science major at Auburn University, was recently selected as an Ag Ambassador.

Rhodes, the daughter of Jim Rhoades and Myrna Cotton, is a member of the Block and Bridle Club, AU Horseman's Club, Chi Omega social sorority, and a Camp War Eagle counselor.

Ag Ambassadors are a selected group of agricultural students dedicated to enhancing the image of and interest in the College of Agriculture. Members assist with high school career days, livestock shows, Future Farmers of America banquets and alumni gatherings. They also provide campus tours for those interested in agriculture.

Revival to be held at El Bethel Assembly of God

A Revival Crusade will be held at El Bethel Assembly of God of New Brockton, AL., Sunday, October 13 through Wednesday, October 16. Sunday services will begin at 10:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., and weeknights at 7:00. Rev. Perry Fruscella of Jacksonville, FL will conduct the revival services. A simultaneous Kids' Crusade will be conducted in the fellowship hall with Rev. Mike Escoe of Bartow, FL. A nursery will be provided and everyone is invited to attend. For additional information call 894-2268.

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SMITHS DEMAND "NO STRINGS" ON PAYMENT

Elba city council unable to solve money difference with All-Star Sports

By Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The new Elba City Council opened their term of office by tackling a sour subject left over from the previous administration.

All-Star Sports was (is) leasing a portion of the old elementary school sold by the city in August. Their five year lease had not expired and from this has sprung several problems for the city.

The first was the company's complaint that they were not given the required notice before the building sold. Also there was the contention they were due compensation for the improvements they made to the building, following the flood.

Opinions differ on what notice the lease required. An opposing argument is that they have had more than the 30 or 60 days use of the building since receiving official notification.

The bone of contention Monday night was compensation for their improvements. The lease doesn't require any payment, even though such a possibility had been discussed by the council previously.

The minutes from 1994 show a motion was approved by the council authorizing the mayor to go back and add such a clause to all existing leases at the buildings if he so desired. There is no evidence such a change was made. Even that motion carried a requirement that the expenditures for improvements must be substantiated by invoices. Smith told the council he had no such receipts.

Fred Smith Jr., representing himself and his brother David, was asking the city for $10,000 to cover their improvements. He said his brother had verbally agreed with Mayor James Grimes to settle for $7,500.

Grimes proposed paying the firm $5,000 and giving them up to one acre of land in the Airport Road Industrial Park, *providing they agree to stay in Elba.*

Grimes noted the city had no legal obligation regarding All-Star Sports, but they want to help as an incentive for All-Star Sports staying in Elba. He said he favored a requirement the firm agree to stay in Elba and any property deeded in the deal would revert back if they didn't begin building within six months. He offered All-Star Sports 30 days to give an answer.

Smith said they didn't want to build in that area, as it wasn't suitable for their type business. He also refused to agree to the stipulation of staying in Elba to get the funds.

Repeatedly Mr. Smith told the city fathers he and his brother would settle for $7,500 with no strings attached. He also said they wouldn't be interested in using any part of the Jr. High wing of the old high school.

Several motions were made by council members. Some were withdrawn in the confusion, others died for lack of a second.

Both Council members John W. Sharpless and Ben Carpenter made motions to pay the brothers either money or give them property, but each motion included the stipulation they stay in Elba. Neither motion received a second.

Council member Harold Bannin said he, "wanted the firm to stay in Elba, but the lease was pretty cut and dried as to what you (All-Star) would do and what the council would do. but we are bending over backwards to help you and keep you here. The city is not obligated legally at all to give you any money."

Council member Ronnie Hammond said, "I see Fred's standpoint here, but also we tried to meet you halfway so you could get going. I feel strongly Mr. Fred will stay here. Let's think about it and let's meet halfway."

Grimes said the council needed to decide something so they could get on with other city business.

Finally a motion by council member Winzell Gray to give the firm $7,500 with no strings attached received a second from council member Ronnie Hammond. The motion died on a 3-3 vote with the two being joined by Bannin and opposing were council members Carpenter and Sharpless and Mayor Grimes.

Repaving of Cedar Land Drive and Theresa Street was another item carried over from last month. The council voted to get with a paving contractor and see if a 1" layer of asphalt would be adequate for the work. The City Clerk is also to get a cost estimate.

The council adopted the budget as presented to the former council. Grimes noted that changes could be made from time to time as necessary.

A resolution was passed to move forward with the state funded Larkin Road improvement project.

National Guard Sergeant Demp Holley reported to the council that the Alabama National Guard would be moving a unit into the empty armory across from the airport.

He said the 64 member Battery B of the 3rd and 117 Field Artillery would be moving from Daleville to the empty Elba armory. The unit will drill in Elba for their November drill. He asked the city's support in getting, and keeping, the unit up to strength. The mayor and council pledged their full support of the project.

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Elba BOE discusses things to come

By Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City School Board normally would have been classified as routine except for the discussions of things to come.

The board heard a report from Superintendent Charles Pearce on the system's construction projects underway and technology plan for keeping Elba students abreast of tomorrow's learnings and how the school's approved proposal to spent the Goals 2000 monies fits this plan.

Pearce showed revised plans for the school bus shop which will be constructed in the school park. He said site preparation would get underway within the next week for the bus shop and elementary school ball park. Construction on the $230,000 bus shop (including fencing) should be completed by February. It is funded with $130,000 from last year's state school board bond issue and $80,000 in current year capital project funds. the balance would be from the school's local funds.

The superintendent said he was working closely with city officials to get the street connecting the new bridge with Taylor Mill Road paved. He explained there are tax funds earmarked for schools which the city can use for this purpose.

The long promised softball and baseball fields are a step closer to completion Pearce reported. He said bids were coming in on construction of the dugouts and pressbox/concession stand building.

The board discussed the city sales tax which is up for renewal before December 31st. This tax is divided between the city and the school system. The school presently gets $120,000 a year from the tax. "Take away this money and we would have problems," Pearce said. the superintendent and school board members will encourage the city council to keep this tax in place.

The Science Outdoor Classroom project is gaining community support, board members were told. this project or walking trail will be located on the hill above the central office. Chamber of Commerce, local industries and garden clubs have expressed a desire to participate, according to Pearce.

A request from CelluarOne to buy 5-7 acres of the school property would cause a shift in the nature trail, board members were told, but it could be done. Board members in-

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WINNER...L. M. Burch (left) was the big winner of the drawing held at the Southeast Alabama Gas District office in Elba. Burch registered for the drawing during open house held last Friday. Pictured above is Tony Veasey (right), an employee with the gas company, presenting Burch with his "Cook-All" gas cooker on Tuesday morning.

County Commission hears complaint & opens bids

by Marvin McILwain, Editor

Commissioners conducted, more or less, routine business in Monday's meeting of the Coffee County Commission.

During their meeting, commissioners opened bids, heard complaints, and reviewed a preliminary subdivision plat.

Bids on three different types of mulch - wood & paper, wood fiber, and 100% recycled paper - were open; however the, awarding of the bids were tabled until the engineer could study all the bids.

Gulf Coast Asphalt of Mobile, AL was awarded the contract for CRS-2 emulsified asphalt and prime. Their bids were .47¢ and .77¢ per gallon respectively.

The bid on precast concrete panels which was tabled from the last meeting was awarded to Choctaw of Montgomery. Their bid was for a total of $7,324.00.

County Engineer Randy Tindell noted that, at the present time, no bridge construction is in progress but by awarding the bid, panels could be purchased as needed or in an emergency type situation.

Ms Peggy Roberts questioned commissioners as to why she had to have her attorney request certain public records from the commission.

"I know that it was because of the court case but what I requested had nothing to do with the court case," said Roberts.

Ms. Roberts, who works in the mapping and appraisal division of the county's revenue department, had filed a suit against the county and Revenue Commissioner Ronnie Burns in federal court for age discrimination. The court found in her favor and also found that the county was at no fault in the matter. The case is presently on appeal.

Roberts stated that she had asked the county administrator, Wilson Mobley, for certain records (time sheets and official travel expense statements by specific dates) and was advised that she would have to have her attorney, Malcolm Newman, request the record in writing.

Kenneth Fuller, county attorney, responded, "Wilson talked to me about it and Ms. Roberts has been involved in litigation with Coffee County and asked for certain records. Since it was involved in litigation, I told Wilson that it would be proper for her attorney to ask for it.

"He has written me a letter and I have responded to it. The lawyers that are representing Coffee County in that particular litigation are not here. It was my recommendation - and I still recommend - that it be handled through the lawyers rather than Ms. Roberts coming up here individually and asking for public records."

The commissioners took no action concerning the matter.

Tindell presented a preliminary subdivision plat for approval by the commission.

Dr. Jim Paulk has filed the plat with the county engineer for the proposed Winterberry Way Subdivision to be located off Coffee County Road 156.

After a brief discussion, Tindell recommended that the preliminary plat be approved with two (2) waivers: 1.) the required 800 ft. length on a dead-end street and 2.) the 500 ft. minimum radius on curves.

Commissioners approved the preliminary plat stipulating that the roads not be accepted as public roads.

During the general business session, Commissioner Bernest Brooks reported that attorneys had informed him that it would not be possible to change the voting place for District 5 voters in Elba in time for the November 5th General Election.

Voters are presently casting their vote in the Virgil Coleman Mortuary. Brooks proposes that the location be moved across the street to the

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NEWS BRIEF

A recent undercover drug operation by the Elba Police Department resulted in the arrest of two Elba residents on five counts of unlawful distribution of a controlled substance. Arrested were Michele A. Davis, 21, of 1028 Hickman Avenue, and Perry R. Stinson, Jr., 21, of 709 Roosevelt Drive. Davis was charged with two counts while Stinson was charged with three counts. Both were placed in the Coffee County Jail. Bond was set at $10,000 and $15,000 respectively ($5,000 on each charge). Assisting EPD in the investigation were members of the 12th Judicial Circuit Drug Task Force.

WATCH OUT...for those big rattlesnakes like the one pictured above. They are on the move looking for a cozy spot to spend the winter months. Leslie Starks (holding the snake) killed the big timber rattler above with a .22 rifle. The snake was killed in the Shiloh Community between Elba and New Brockton last week. Starks stated that she shot the rattler not too far from where the children play. They have been cautioned about going into the thick brush chasing a ball, etc. Everyone should be extremely careful when walking in wooded areas or thick brush.

* * HAPPENINGS * *

IT'S FRIDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL. Elba Tigers travel to Hartford to play Geneva County; Zion Chapel is at home against Isabella; Kinston travels to Ariton; New Brockton plays Wicksburg in Wicksburg; and Brantley Bulldogs have an away game in Maplesville. Kick-off time for all games is 7:30 p.m.

BUSINESS AFTER HOURS. The Elba Chamber of Commerce's "Business After Hours" is scheduled for Thursday, October 24, at 5:30 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Center. All members of the Elba Chamber of Commerce are urged to attend and bring a guest. The public is also invited.

FESTIVAL. The New Brockton Elementary School PTO will sponsor a Fall Festival on Thursday (TONIGHT), October 17, 1996, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Farm Center in New Brockton. The concession stand will feature brunswick stew along with the traditional hotdogs and cheese nachos. Local merchants have donated many items for the auction, which starts at 6:30 p.m. There will be plenty of games and prizes for all.

CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL SET. Elba's Ninth Annual Christmas Festival has been scheduled for Saturday, November 30, 1996, beginning at 9:00 a.m. on the courthouse square. There will be arts and crafts exhibitors selling an assortment of handmade Christmas gifts, along with delicious food, entertainment, childrens activities, Little Miss Christmas pageant, Christmas parade, street dance, and Santa Claus, along with a live nativity. Call the Chamber of Commerce office at 897-3125 for further details.

Absentee ballots available

Coffee County Absentee Election Manager, Evelyn Hocutt, announced Tuesday that all absentee ballots for the General Election to be held November 5, have arrived.

The ballots can be obtained in Mrs. Hocutt's office located above the Probate Judge's office in the Elba Courthouse.

Applications are available in the Probate Office and the Circuit Clerk's office in Enterprise and also in the Election Manager's office in Elba.

Voters applying for absentee ballots must either hand deliver the written request to the election manager personally or send the request through the U. S. Mail.

Mrs. Hocutt stated that according to the law, none but the applicants themselves can pick up a ballot. An application nor a ballot is accepted from anyone except the voter.

Because requests for ballots must be in writing, election officials urge voters not to wait until the last minute to apply.

The deadline to apply for the absentee ballots for the upcoming General Election is 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 31, 1996.

Reception to honor Congressman Terry Everett

Friends of Terry Everett and the Second Congressional Committee are hosting a community appreciation reception for Congressman and Mrs. Terry Everett at the Lobby Restaurant.

The reception is scheduled for Tuesday, October 22, from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

The public is invited and encouraged to attend the event to show the Wiregrass' support for Congressman Everett as he seeks his third term of office.

Congressman and Mrs. Everett will be available to meet with all of their friends and supporters at this informal gathering on October 22.